

# Cue the crowd-pleasing casseroles

► This Crab and Rice casserole is creamy, portable and feeds a crowd of 16 a hearty dinner

Many of us seem to spend the entire month of December on the move, going from one work or family gathering to another. Which means the food you make for these events needs to feed a crowd and be portable, in addition to tasting great. Enter the holiday casserole!

This multilayer dish takes the flavours of a creamy crab dip (that near ubiquitous offering at holiday gatherings) and turns it into a meal. It serves 16 as a hearty dinner, but can feed many more at a potluck, where diners tend to take smaller portions of each dish.

#### Preparation:

- Spray a 3 L (13-by-9-inch) baking pan with cooking spray; set aside. In food processor, pulse celery, pepper and red onion until chopped.



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- In a large skillet heat oil over medium-high; add chopped vegetables, garlic, salt and pepper and sauté 3 to 4 minutes or until softened. Stir in corn and rice; then spoon into bottom of prepared baking pan.

- Crab Layer: In a bowl, stir cream cheese,

- mayonnaise, milk and seasoning. Gently stir in crab and chives; spoon over rice mixture.
- Topping: Return skillet to medium heat and add butter until melted; remove from heat. Add panko, paprika and salt; stir until well mixed. Sprinkle evenly over top

of crab mixture. Bake in 200 C (400 F) oven 20 minutes or until bubbly. Let rest 5 minutes before serving.

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#### Ingredients:

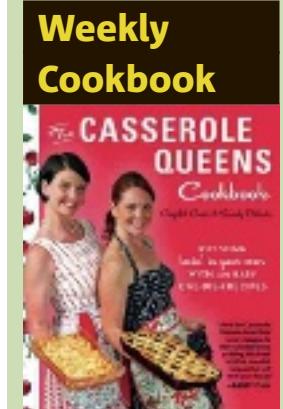
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 medium red onion, quartered
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt, pepper
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) frozen corn kernels, thawed
- 750 ml (3 cups) cooked long-grain white rice

#### Crab Layer

- 500 g (1 lb) Neufchatel cream cheese, softened
- 250 ml (1 cup) mayonnaise
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) milk
- 10 ml (2 tsp) Old Bay Seasoning
- 1 kg (2 lb) lump crab meat
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chopped fresh chives or scallions

#### Topping:

- 45 ml (3 tbsp) butter
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) panko breadcrumbs
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) paprika
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt



Crystal Cook and Sandy Pollock, the casserole Queens, have built their business around revamping the ultimate quick-fix dinners for modern tastes.

In The Casserole Queens Cookbook (Potter, 2011), they share updated recipes for traditional dishes such as chicken potpie, shrimp and grits, stuffed peppers, tuna noodle casserole, ham and cheese skillet casserole, and more. The Queens also provide advice on scaling and freezing casseroles, 16 pages of photos and more.

► Artichoke & Gorgonzola Casserole makes this an elegant yet simple dish – perfect for dinner parties

With the busy holiday season upon us, it is handy to have a simple but elegant dish ready to serve family and guests.

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iday table this year.

You can find canned artichokes easily in any grocery aisle of canned goods.

#### Preparation:

- In large non-stick skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat and cook peppers, onion, garlic, parsley and Italian seasoning, stirring frequently, for about 8 minutes or until tender crisp and becoming golden. Scrape into a shallow 2.5-l (10-cup) casserole dish. Stir in artichokes; set aside.

- In same skillet, whisk together cream and flour.

Add cheese and bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Whisk until Gorgonzola cheese is melted and stir in pepper. Pour over vegetable mixture.

- Topping: In a small bowl, combine breadcrumbs, parsley and butter. Sprinkle over vegetables and bake in 200 C (400 F) oven for about 20 minutes or until bubbly and topping is golden. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

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► This recipe makes six to eight servings.

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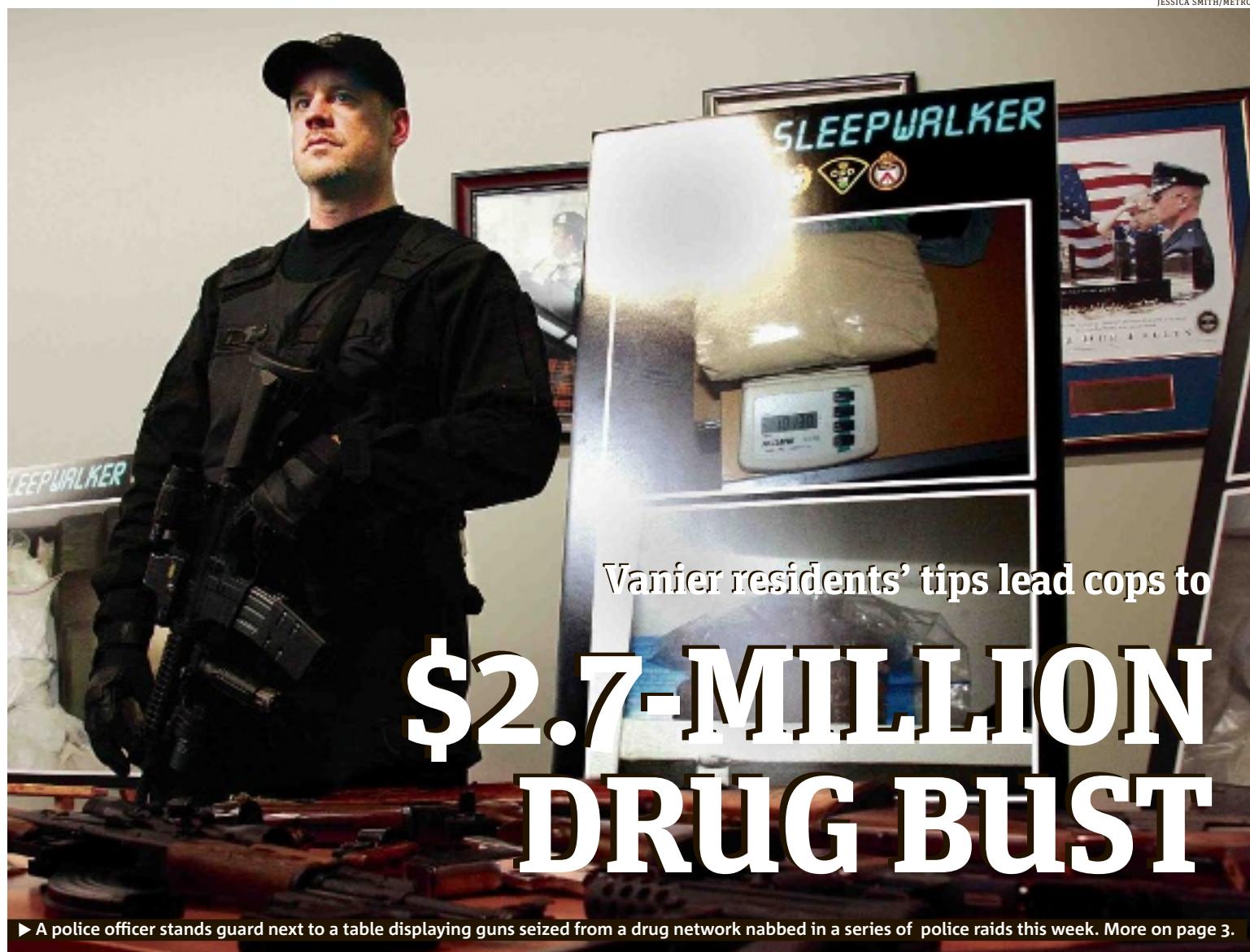
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Vanier residents' tips lead cops to  
**\$2.7-MILLION  
DRUG BUST**

► A police officer stands guard next to a table displaying guns seized from a drug network nabbed in a series of police raids this week. More on page 3.

## Previewing the 7th Taste of Winterlude

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# Drug bust massive: Police

► Cops execute 16 searches in Ottawa, one in Toronto, seizing \$2.5M in cash, gold and silver bars, other assets ► 14 guns, 13 cars, \$200,000 worth of various street drugs also found



JESSICA SMITH  
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Ottawa police chief Vern White thanked citizens of Vanier yesterday for alerting police to drug dealing — which led officers to making a \$2.7 million bust.

"This is probably the most important drug investigations in Ottawa in 20 years," said White of Project Sleepwalker, which involved the officers with the OPS, RCMP and OPP.

Police arrested 22 people, who were all part of an organized crime group that was previously unknown to police.

"Although the individuals had criminal records, the group as a whole was really not on our radar screen. This investigation began with a community making complaints about drug dealing and prostitution on Montreal Road," said Laviolette. "As a result, our street crime unit was able to go out and do what they do."

The 22 suspects are an organized crime group, but they don't have a name, Laviolette said. "There's no initiation, they

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don't wear a patch, nothing like that."

Police allege the group's leader, a 32-year-old man brought drugs from Toronto to distribute in Ottawa by "mid-level dealers" and say that structure qualifies the operation as organized crime.



► Ottawa Police Chief Vern White speaks at a news conference on Thursday.



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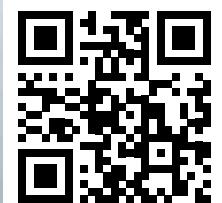
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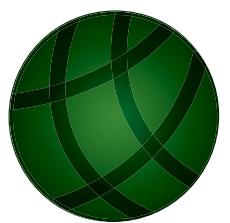
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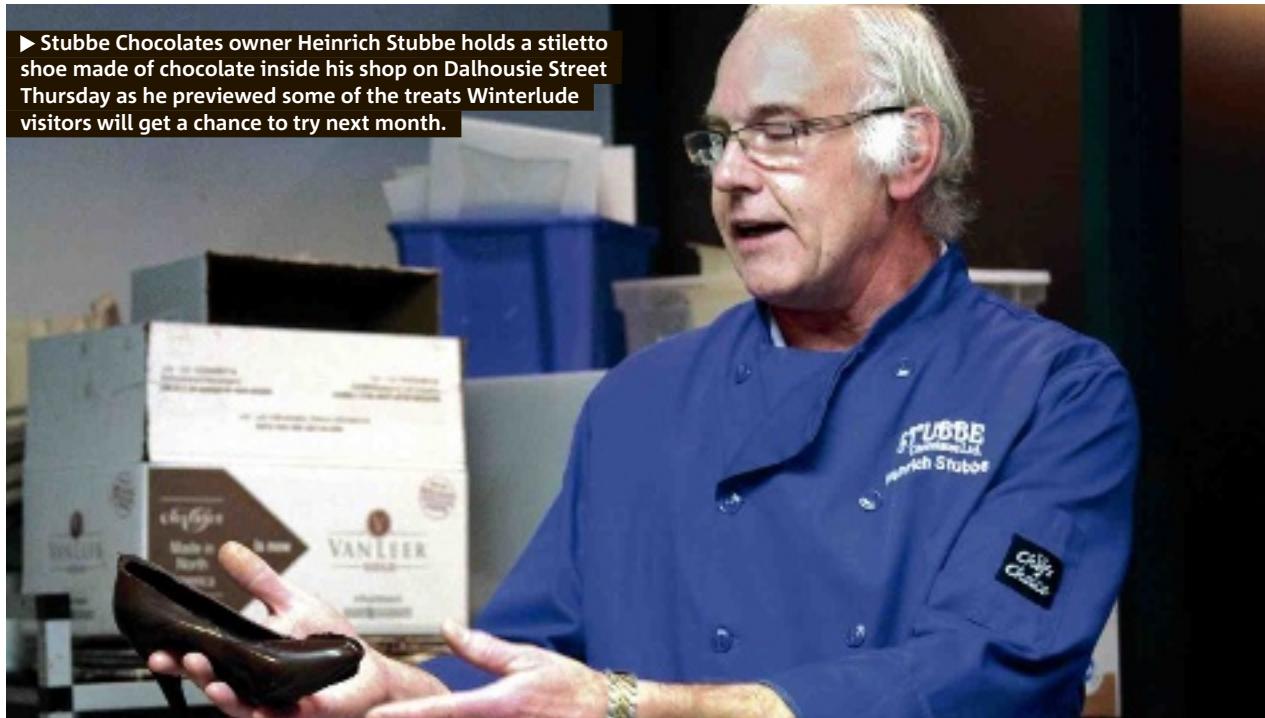
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► National Capital Commission gives media and foodie bloggers a mouthwatering preview of seventh edition of Taste of Winterlude ► Winterlude runs from Jan. 26 through Feb. 19 ► Organized by C'est Bon Cooking's chef Andrée Riffou, visitors take a 'romp' through Ottawa-Gatineau and dine out in local gastronomical treasures



► Stubbe Chocolates owner Heinrich Stubbe holds a stiletto shoe made of chocolate inside his shop on Dalhousie Street Thursday as he previewed some of the treats Winterlude visitors will get a chance to try next month.



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### Palate-tempting

- Chocolate Lover's Tour. Take part in a tour Jan. 29 and Feb. 12 through a chocolate lover's paradise, starting with Stubbe Chocolates on Dalhousie Street at 1 p.m.
- Seinfeld Dinner. Will there be a marble rye or a big salad in this 12-course dinner? Atelier Restaurant will keep guests guessing until 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 1 and 2 for a night filled with more than 100 nods to the sitcom.
- Snowshoes and Treats. On Jan. 28 and Feb. 11 (Feb. 4 and 18 in French)

break out the snowshoes and take a walk through Gatineau Park near Scott Road in Chelsea. Then warm up to a steaming onion soup in the Visitor Centre with savoury treats from Chez Edgar.

► Winter Wines and Beers. Enjoy ice ciders and wines, red and whites, and winter beers from 15 microbreweries served with gourmet hors d'oeuvres at Maison du Citoyen on 25 Laurier St. in Gatineau on Feb. 17 and 18.

For full programming and pricing details, visit [canadascapital.gc.ca/celebrate/winterlude/taste-of-winterlude](http://canadascapital.gc.ca/celebrate/winterlude/taste-of-winterlude)



► Stubbe Chocolates chocolateer Ardin Sasmito builds a chocolate truffle tree inside the shop.

# An appetite for Winterlude



► Murray Street restaurant showcased a platter of duck liver mousse, cretons, pâté en croûte and pork liverwurst.



► Spanish restaurant Navarra sampled some crustini with Italian salami and pickled fennel.



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► GPS data about OC Transpo bus locations still isn't available to the public.

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# Tierney drives bus GPS plan

► Councillor urges city to let experts handle bus GPS ► Move comes after news only 28 per cent of bus fleet outfitted with new GPS devices

City council's resident tech guru is fed up with confusion and delays surrounding the release of live GPS bus location data and is looking to take action on the file.

Beacon Hill-Cyrville Coun. Tim Tierney wants the city to overhaul how it approaches technology initiatives for OC Transpo.

He brought a motion that won support from the transit commission to have quarterly OC Transpo IT reports given to the IT subcommittee, so that group can also influence the transit authority's technology projects.

"The IT subcommittee is more involved in this kind of subject matter," Tierney said. "At transit commission, people's eyes glaze over if you talk about technology."

The move comes after news that only 28 per cent of the bus fleet has been outfitted with new GPS devices, when that project was supposed to be almost complete. Instead of being done by the end of the year, OC Transpo is looking at the first three months of 2012, Transpo general manager Alain Mercier wrote in a memo to city councillors Nov. 24.

OC Transpo still isn't ready to release live GPS data about bus locations,

so that people who have smartphones could use applications to locate their buses.

"It is very disheartening. I am not happy about it," Tierney said, adding outraged phone calls and emails he received about the issue are justified.

Tierney also has concerns about if and when bus GPS information will be made public as "open data" so developers can use that information to power their own mobile applications.

OC Transpo is still working on advertising that will ensure the city can earn some revenue off of its own official bus times "app," but if there is no money to be made, Tierney wants assurances that the data will be released to the public anyway.

"If we're going to roll something out, it can't be half-baked," Tierney said.

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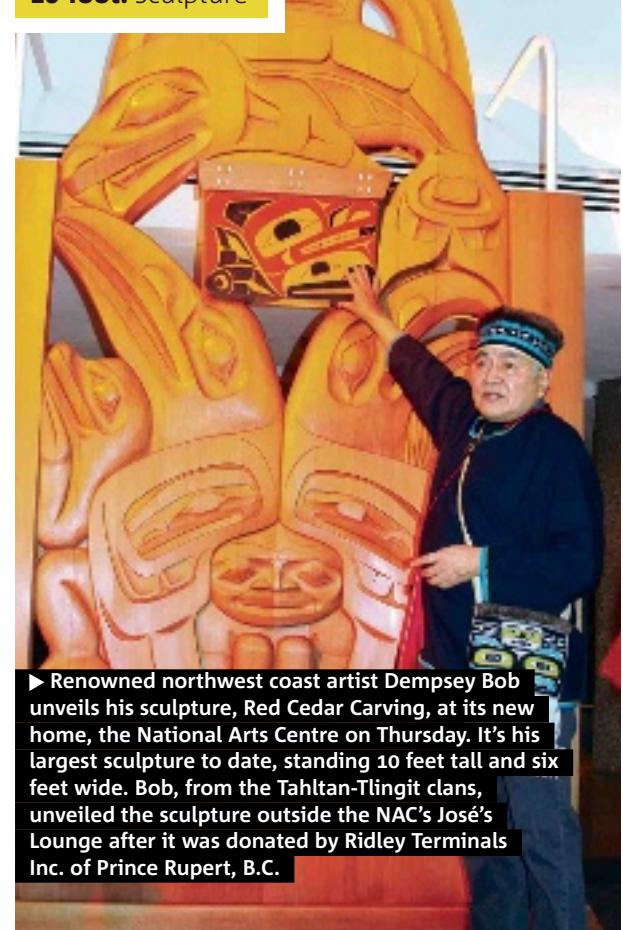


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10-foot. Sculpture



► Renowned northwest coast artist Dempsey Bob unveils his sculpture, Red Cedar Carving, at its new home, the National Arts Centre on Thursday. It's his largest sculpture to date, standing 10 feet tall and six feet wide. Bob, from the Tahltan-Tlingit clans, unveiled the sculpture outside the NAC's José's Lounge after it was donated by Ridley Terminals Inc. of Prince Rupert, B.C.

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# City hospital cited for food-safety violations

► Inspectors' findings include food-storage errors, no soap at the hand-washing station and failure to ensure food was protected from potential contamination



Public Health found seven "critical" food-safety deficiencies at the Ottawa General Hospital this year, three of them in the last week.

On both Monday and Wednesday this week, inspectors found the hospital failed to "separate raw foods from ready-to-eat foods during storage and handling."

The hospital also earned a critical deficiency for not having paper towels in a dispenser at a hand basin in the food-preparation area on Monday this week

and on Aug. 19 of this year. On April 15, the citation was for having no soap in the dispenser at the washing station.

Frances Furmarkiewicz, director of nutrition for the hospital, said the latest problems were due to "employee error." Though all the employees are trained and certified to handle food, they were given more training as a result of the inspections.

"We have actually rectified all of those incidents now," she said.

Brenda MacLean, a program manager with Public Health, said all critical deficiencies have the potential to make food unsafe.

"That's the whole point of inspections — making sure that all the measures are in place to make sure that nobody does get sick," she said.

Public Health will re-inspect the hospital today, she added.

A number of people at the hospital Thursday said they were concerned when they learned about the poor inspection results and said they would no longer eat there, including Cindy Gilman, who was at the hospital to pick up her daughter.

"I thought the hospital would have been great at following regulations — it's a hospital," she said.



Mock. Funeral

► Protesters carry a young woman down Cartier Street Thursday after she pretended to be shot and killed by Syrian forces during a peaceful demonstration.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

## Occupiers show Syrian solidarity

Members of the Occupy Ottawa movement joined protesters outside the Syrian embassy on Cartier Street Thursday in solidarity with those who are demonstrating in Syria. Police officers escorted the group of about 20 people through downtown.

## Better bus routes coming

**\$5.5M** The new hours cost \$5.5 million and come after the city cut about \$20 million from the system in September as part of the route optimization plan.

OC Transpo will announce Monday which routes will receive the extra 66,000 hours of bus service the city is paying for as part of the 2012 budget.

General manager Alain

Mercier said the hours will go to add more buses to some routes and some trips will be extended so more buses run the full route. They will take effect in the new year. ■ JESSICA SMITH

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# Habitat a 'hand up' not a 'hand out'

► City to vote on Orleans Habitat for Humanity project by early spring ► If approved, build starts in summer



A small group of people who oppose a Habitat for Humanity project in their neighbourhood for "socioeconomic reasons" are off base, the ward councillor said yesterday.

Habitat for Humanity is planning a multi-unit project on Nantes Street in Orleans and some property owners in the area have spoken out against the project, saying it will bring down property values.

"There were people in the beginning who had questions — and I would include myself in that — about what Habitat does,

but after sitting down with them and getting to know them, I think it's pretty clear they do very good work in the community," said Cumberland Coun. Stephen Blais, who met with constituents recently.

Habitat for Humanity screens their residents carefully and chooses people who work, but don't make enough to afford a mortgage on their own, said Blais. "These are hardworking people who need a hand up, not a handout and they integrate well into the community," he said.

Other residents had planning concerns that were addressed at a meeting on Wednesday, where the charity presented a scaled down and modified design. Blais said it was well received.

**"It's important to note that Habitat sells homes to people who can't qualify for a regular mortgage. In Ottawa, you can make \$62,000 a year and still qualify for a Habitat house. I think we would agree that \$62,000 is a not bad salary."**

COUN. STEPHEN BLAIS



► Toronto pop rockers The Midway State play Mavericks, 221 Rideau St. Dec. 11.

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## Midway State all the way to Capital

Mavericks will play host to headliners The Midway State, with opening acts Shawn Hook of B.C., and Ottawa bands Sharks and Ladders, and The Riot Police.

## OC Transpo, union work out contract

OC Transpo and the Amalgamated Transit Union offi-

cially began negotiations Thursday to replace the latest contracts, which expire in March. "Maintenance issues will be a big priority, scheduling for the operators, working conditions

and we're looking for a fair wage increase," said Queale. The two sides agreed to extend the current contract until March 31 with a 2 per cent wage increase.

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**News in brief****Woman dead after collision**

Paramedics say an elderly woman is dead after being struck by a garbage truck near the intersection of Merivale Road and Caldwell Avenue Thursday afternoon.

Paramedics received the call from police at around 3:15 p.m. and said the female pedestrian was pronounced dead at the scene. Const. Henri Lanctot of the Ottawa Police said the northbound lane of Merivale Road is closed between Central Park Drive and Caldwell Avenue. • METRO

**Detainee to speak at event**

Supporters of security-certificate detainee Mo-

hammed Harkat will gather at the Human Rights Monument at the corner of Elgin Street and Lisgar Street to mark International Human Rights Day and Harkat's ninth year of restricted liberty under a security certificate. Speakers at the event will include Harkat himself and representatives from unions, CAIRCAN and Amnesty International. • METRO

**Christmas-tree lot plundered**

An Ottawa Christmas tree vendor's holiday season has been ruined thanks to an inconsiderate thief.

Police say a robber, dressed in dark clothes and a balaclava, made off with thousands of dollars in Christmas trees and wreaths. They were located in the parking lot of a Canadian Tire at Bank Street and Heron Road.

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# New commissioner takes over RCMP

► Paulson installed in colourful ceremony ► Real work lies ahead

SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bringing more women into the RCMP will help strengthen the national police force as it works to stamp out harassment, says the new top Mountie.

After being formally installed as the storied force's 23rd commissioner in a pomp-filled ceremony Thursday, Bob Paulson said he also wants to see more women in the senior ranks.

"My view is, we bring more women into our decision-making process at the executive level, we have a much more representative decision-making body in the force."

He takes over the RCMP amid complaints of bullying and sexual harassment from several members.



► RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson salutes during a change-of-command ceremony, welcoming him as the 23rd commissioner, in Ottawa on Thursday.

**Biography**

- The Quebec-born Paulson joined the Mounties in 1986. He served 19 years throughout British Columbia, working on unsolved murders, aboriginal and community policing, and organized-crime probes.
- Paulson came to Ottawa headquarters in 2005, serving in a series of posts, most recently deputy commissioner for federal policing. He has three children.

ford went public in November with allegations of harassment within the force in British Columbia. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# Policeman killed at Virginia Tech

► Gunman found dead in parking lot ► Campus was quieter as classes ended Wednesday

A gunman killed a police officer in a Virginia Tech parking lot and was found dead nearby Thursday in an attack that sent fear through the campus nearly five years after it was the scene of the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history.

The school locked down for hours and warned students and faculty members via email and text message to stay indoors.

"Today, tragedy again struck Virginia Tech," said university president Charles Steger. "Our hearts are broken again."

The police officer was killed after pulling a driver over in a traffic stop. The gunman, who was not involved in the traffic stop, walked into the parking lot and shot the officer,

**"It's crazy that someone would go and do something like that with all the stuff that happened in 2007."**

COREY SMITH, 19-YEAR-OLD SOPHOMORE

Sgt. Robert Carpentieri said. A law enforcement official who spoke on the condition of anonymity confirmed the gunman was dead.

It appeared the gunman died in another school parking lot, where officials said a man was found dead with a gun nearby. While police wouldn't confirm the second body was the gunman, Carpentieri said "you can kind of read between the lines."

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## Shafia says he was a loving, lenient father

A man accused of killing his three daughters over family honour portrayed himself Thursday as a loving, benevolent and lenient father, even though his children were cruel to him.

afraid of him, begging authorities to remove them from the home, and that he cursed them as treacherous on wiretaps secretly recorded after their deaths.

What Shafia meant, when he was recorded on the wiretaps saying that even if the girls came back to life 100 times he would "do the same again," is that he would continue to give them good advice, he told court.

Shafia and his wife, Too-



ba Yahya, 41, and their son Hamed, 20, have each pleaded not guilty to four counts of first-degree murder.

They're accused of killing Zainab, 19, Sahar, 17 and Geeti Shafia, 13, and Rona Amir Mohammad, 52, Shafia's first wife in a polygamous marriage. The four bodies were found June 30, 2009, inside a car submerged in a canal in Kingston, Ont.

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### Devil talk

► Shafia also tried to explain what he meant when he said on the wiretaps, "May the devil (defecate) on their graves."

► "To me it means that the devil would go out and check with them in graves," Shafia said. "If they have done a good thing it would be good, if they did bad it would be up to God what to do."



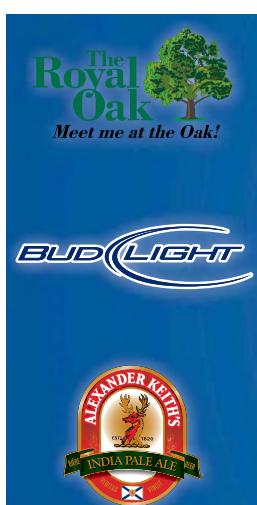
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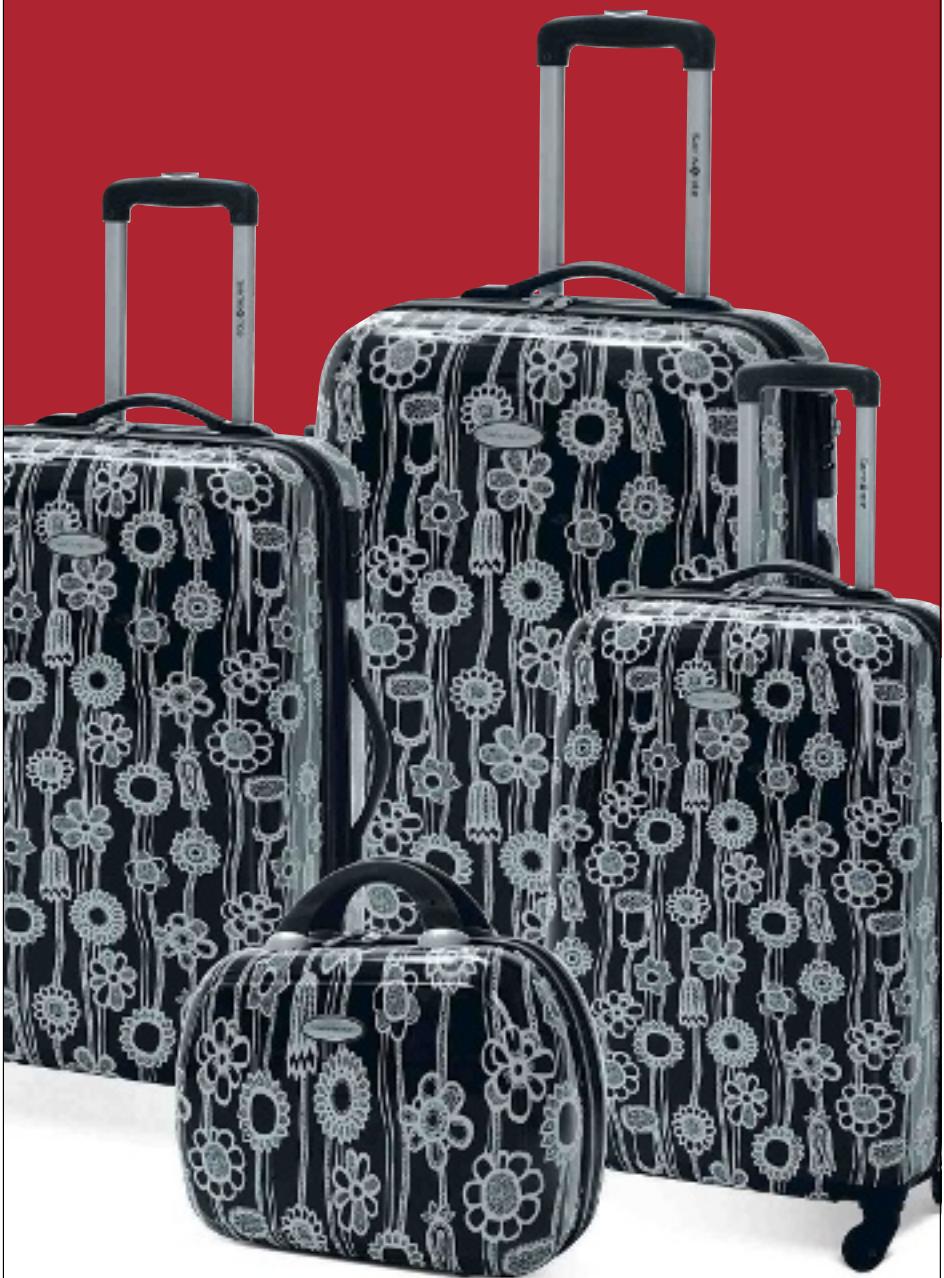
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► The remains of a Canadian flag can be seen flying over a building in Attawapiskat, Ont., on Nov. 29.

## Attawapiskat on the hook for consultant

► Troubled reserve must pay federally appointed manager \$180K ► Harper defends fees as necessary

The federal government is forcing the troubled Attawapiskat First Nation to pay a private-sector consultant about \$1,300 a day to run its finances — even though the government's own assessments say the third-party management system is not cost-effective.

Aboriginal Affairs officials told The Canadian Press they have an agreement to pay Jacques Marion of BDO Canada LLP a total of \$180,000 to look after the reserve's accounts from now until June 30.

The money comes from the Attawapiskat First Nation's budget.

That rate over the course of a year would run

**"What they've done is taken \$300,000 out of this band's limited budget for political cover to pay for the mistakes of an incompetent minister."**

**NEW DEMOCRAT MP CHARLIE ANGUS**

up to \$300,000 and easily pay for at least one nice, solid house, notes Mushkegowuk Grand Chief Stan Louttit.

"And (Aboriginal Affairs) should pay for this over and above First Nations existing budgets," he said.

Instead, the band will soon find itself cutting off educational assistants and aides for special-needs children in order to scrape together the money to pay the consultant, said New Democrat MP Charlie Angus, whose northern Ontario riding includes Attawapiskat.

But Prime Minister Stephen Harper brushed aside criticism of the fees and requests from the opposition to cover the costs. Harper told the House of Commons the government is just making sure the band council in Attawapiskat stops mismanaging taxpayers' money.

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### **EXPLOITATION TARGETED**

## New child porn law puts onus on Internet providers

A new law aimed at curbing child pornography on the Internet is now in force.

The law requires Internet service providers to report tips they get about websites containing child

porn.

They also have to tell police if they believe a child porn offence has been committed using their service.

Failure to comply carries fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000 or jail time for repeat offenders.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson says the exploitation of children by online sexual predators is a serious crime.

The government says the law balances privacy concerns with the need to tackle the issue.

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## Co-workers claim \$21M jackpot

A jovial bunch of co-workers from Penetanguishene, Ont., picked up a \$21-million prize Thursday after winning a Lotto Max jackpot.

Each of the 12 mental-health workers, who said they were all great friends outside of work, will get \$1.75 million from the Nov. 25 draw. Most of them said they would be returning to their jobs. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# No link between abortion, anxiety

**► Study finds unwanted pregnancies, not abortion, trigger mental-health issues in women**

Abortion does not increase a woman's chance of developing mental-health problems, according to the largest study ever to investigate the issue.

Among women with unwanted pregnancies, those who had abortions were no more likely to suffer from problems including anxiety or depression than women who gave birth, the research review by the U.K.'s National Collaborating Centre for Mental Health found.

The research shows the "reassuring news" that abortion does not cause mental-health problems, but raises a warning that officials must address the

**"We should be looking at what it is about the unwanted pregnancy stage that is so problematic. We need to try to get those women help sooner so they're not put at greater risk."**

**DR. TIM KENDALL,**

problem of unwanted pregnancy, said Dr. Tim Kendall, the centre's director.

The study is likely to be met by skepticism by those opposed to the practice and believe that terminating a pregnancy can trigger depression or other mental illnesses.

Kendall said mental health problems seemed to be linked specifically to unwanted pregnancies rather

than abortion.

About 11 to 12 per cent of women in general suffer from mental-health issues like anxiety or depression, but among women with unwanted pregnancies that figure rises to about one-third, he said. For women who later had an abortion, there did not appear to be any increase in their rate of mental-health problems.

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## Ad. Backtrack

► This undated image shows a Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board ad meant to warn young adults about the connection between heavy drinking and rape.



## Liquor board pulls controversial ad

A spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board says the ad was pulled Wednesday after complaints that it blamed women for being victims.

## Obama backs idea to keep Plan B off shelves

President Barack Obama on Thursday defended his health secretary's decision

to stop the Plan B morning-after pill from moving onto drugstore shelves next to condoms.

As the father of two daughters," he said, "I think it is important for us to make sure that we apply some common sense to various rules when it comes to over-the-counter

medicine."

The president spoke the day after his administration stunned doctors' groups and women's health advocates with the decision.

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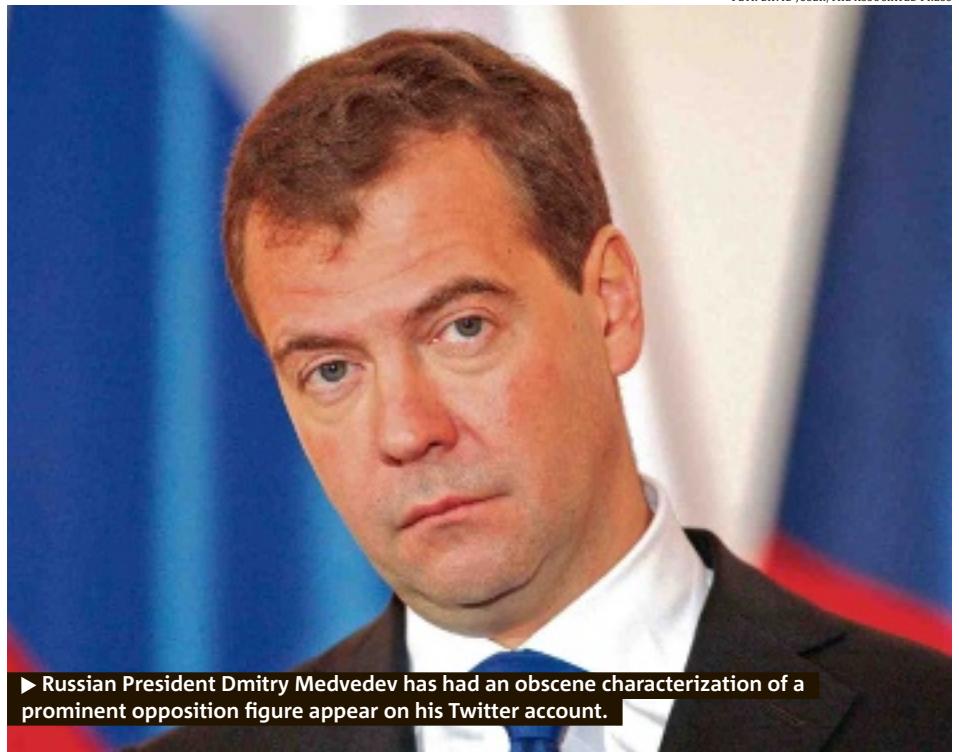
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► Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has had an obscene characterization of a prominent opposition figure appear on his Twitter account.

## Tasteless tweet raises Russia's ire

► Offending retweet of a post by United Russia ideologue has been removed from Medvedev's account

President Dmitry Medvedev's affection for going online has turned off-colour after an obscene characterization of a prominent opposition figure appeared on his Twitter account.

Medvedev's tweets are usually bland, such as congratulating victorious sports teams. So the post describing popular opposition figure Alexei Navalny as a sheep engaging in an unprintable sexual act sparked huge attention.

A Kremlin statement says the message, a retweet of a posting by United Russia party ideologue and former parliament member Konstantin Rykov, was posted by an unnamed member of the president's technical staff. It added: "The guilty will be punished."

The post, late Tuesday, came on the second straight day of large demonstrations by protesters over the vote fraud seen in Russia's parlia-

mentary election Sunday.

The post does not mention Navalny by name, but clearly refers to him, denouncing the phrase the "party of crooks and thieves" that Navalny popularized on his blog to characterize United Russia, the country's dominant party.

Navalny was arrested Monday on the first night of protests in Moscow and sentenced to 15 days in jail.

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### NATO TALKS

#### Deadlock over missile defence

Russia and NATO remain deadlocked on a long-running dispute over the alliance's plan for a missile shield for Europe, officials said Thursday, and Russia warned that time was running out for an agreement.

NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen reported no progress toward a deal on

the contentious issue, following a key discussion among alliance foreign ministers and Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov that came amid political turmoil in Russia and tart criticism of the United States.

Fogh Rasmussen rejected Russian criticism that NATO is ignoring its concerns that the planned missile system might one day be turned on Russia. He left the door open for more talks before the next planned NATO summit in May 2012.

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### Don't interfere in Syria: Russia

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Thursday that Syrians should be allowed to sort out their country's problems without outside interference.

Lavrov said that Syria should follow the example of Yemen, where long-time President Ali Abdullah Saleh stepped down after a 10-month uprising in exchange for immunity from prosecution.

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# Hunted saves hunter's life

► Married couple shoots and skins moose calf after getting lost in a hunting trip ► Uses hide as a blanket

Steve and Sheila Joyce of Steady Brook, N.L., were hunting Tuesday afternoon when they wounded a moose calf and then became disoriented while tracking it through the woods between Corner Brook and Bonne Bay.

As dusk fell and the temperature dropped to a few degrees above freezing, they realized they were hopelessly lost.

That's when they suddenly came upon the wounded calf and killed it, a recovering Sheila Joyce said Thursday from their home. They used its skin to keep warm through the night.

Joyce, in her mid-40s, has hunted with her husband for the last several years.

They had followed a blood trail from where they had wounded the calf near their SUV.

Their food and water was in the vehicle and her husband had set down their survival pack as they tracked the animal for what they thought would

**"We never would have made it through the night because we were both wet, shivery and cold."**

SHEILA JOYCE



In this handout photo, Steve Joyce wears a moose hide as a life-saving blanket. Joyce and his wife, Sheila, spent a cold night lost in the woods of western Newfoundland during a hunting trip.

be a brief chase, she explained.

"We could see the Jeep from there — so we didn't think there was any possibility of getting lost when we went into those woods," said Joyce.

The couple's son, who searched through the

night, alerted nearby hunters, who fired a shot into the air to find them.

The couple sent back an answering blast and was soon rescued.

They were briefly checked into a hospital and are now home.

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## CHILD ABUSE

### Scouts Canada apologizes

In a solemn six-minute video posted online Thursday, Scouts Canada offered a public apology to all former members who may have "suffered harm" at the hands of volunteer leaders in the past and announced a third-party review of its records relating to abuse.

"Our sincere efforts to

prevent such crimes have not always succeeded. We are sorry for that," chief commissioner Steve Kent said in the YouTube video. "We are saddened at any resulting harm. Our most profound sympathies extend to all victims and to their families."

Kent's words came weeks after a report on CBC's Fifth Estate alleged Scouts Canada maintained a list of suspected pedophiles and did not share it with authorities.

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### Apology rings hollow

Japan's apology to Canadian veterans who suffered brutal treatment in prisoner of war camps during the Second World War is too late to be of significant meaning, veterans said Thursday. During the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Hong Kong, Japan's parliamentary vice-minister for foreign affairs apologized for the mistreatment of survivors who spent years toiling in labour camps.

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# Clinton instigated protests: Putin

► Says U.S. spending hundreds of millions of dollars to influence Russian politics ► Clinton stands by criticism

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, facing the possibility of nationwide protests against his rule, on Thursday accused U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton of instigating demonstrators in the wake of the disputed parliamentary election.

The comments came as opposition supporters largely stayed off the streets after three nights of sizeable protests. No protests were seen in Moscow and only a small one where 10 people were arrested was reported in St. Petersburg.

But the wave of discontent — which has already undercut Putin's public persona of being both strong

## Blame game

- Putin's attempt to rally support by blaming the United States for his troubles would find little support among ordinary Russians, said political analyst Dmitry Oreshkin.
- "Even in Soviet times, it did not work," Oreshkin said. "Now it won't work for sure."

and beloved — may be far from cresting. More than 30,000 people have promised on a Facebook page to attend a Saturday protest in Moscow and similar rallies have been called for more than 70 other cities.

Putin, in televised remarks, accused the U.S. of encouraging and funding the Russians protesting the alleged election fraud in Sunday's elections. By recently describing Russia's election as rigged, Clinton "gave a signal" to his opponents, said Putin, who also warned of a wider Russian crackdown on dissent.

"They heard this signal and with the support of the U.S. State Department began their active work," Putin said.

Moscow has already put about 50,000 police and 2,000 paramilitary troops on the streets, backed by water cannons.

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► People pose with a protester wearing a mock mask depicting Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin during a rally in downtown St. Petersburg, Russia, on Thursday.

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## Internet used to mobilize people

Aside from a mass protest near the Kremlin on Saturday called for by opposition groups to demand a vote recount, a map circulating on the Internet shows similar protests planned for Saturday in more than 75 cities around Russia, while a page on LiveJournal lists more planned protests in 15 countries around the world.

The use of the Internet to mobilize protesters in Russia is a new phenomenon.

Anton Nossik, a popular blogger and Internet expert, said it was not the Internet that energized the protesters but the brazen vote rigging that prompted many young Russians to express their discontent offline.

"They came out not because they read information (online) on where to show up for the first time,

**"I used to express my opinion in my blog, in social networks, I wasn't really politically active. But enough is enough. I am fed up with all of this."**

**ARTYOM GORYACHEV, 27-YEAR-OLD PR MANAGER, WHO PLANNED TO ATTEND SATURDAY'S PROTEST**

but because for the first time many people got the feeling that the time had come for that," Nossik said.

Sam Greene, director of the Center for the Study of New Media and Society in Moscow, said this week's protests in Moscow were a combination of online and offline social networks working together.

"They're going out to protests with people they know, with people they trust," he said.

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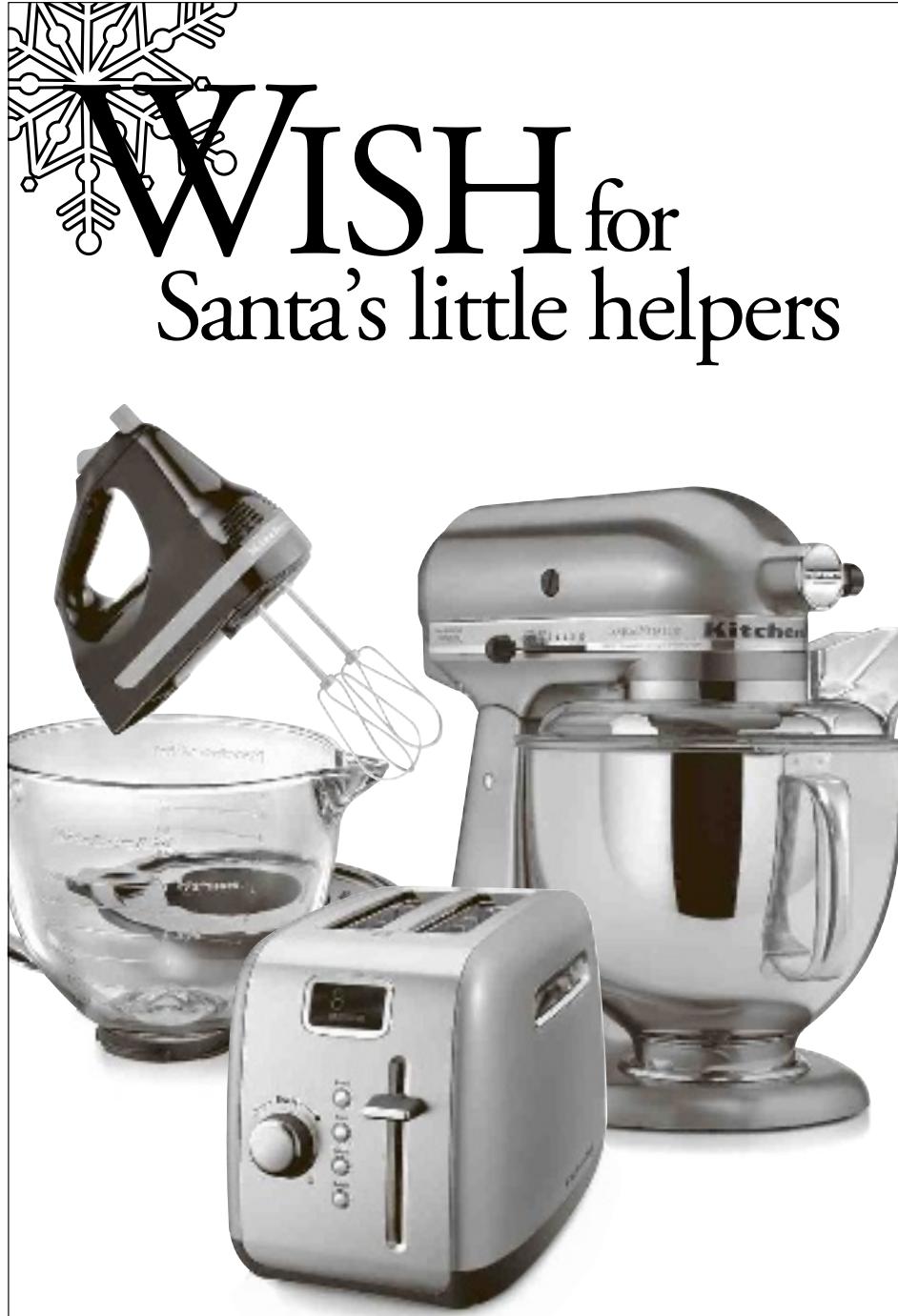
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## OILSANDS DEVELOPMENT

**Joslyn mine gets approval**

The federal government has given the green light for the Joslyn oilsands mine project to go ahead, six years after Total E&P Canada first proposed it.

Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver said Thursday that construction can now begin on the mine near Fort McMurray, Alta., though there remains a two-week consultation period with local First Nations groups.

The prolonged review

process for Joslyn shows the need for Canada to streamline its regulatory system, Oliver said in a statement.

Suncor Energy, Canada's largest energy company, picked up a minority interest in Joslyn late last year through a \$1.75-billion deal with the French-owned E&P.

Environmental groups were quick to blast the approval, particularly since it comes during the United Nations climate-change conference in South Africa.

The oilsands have been criticized because of the greenhouse gases that are emitted when fossil fuels are burned.

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**Twitter rolls out tweaks**

Twitter has redesigned its short messaging service to make it simpler, faster and

more personal.

The changes were released Thursday in updates to Twitter's applications for smartphones and tablet computers. Users should begin to see the new look during the next few weeks.

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**China court rejects Apple lawsuit**

A court in southern China has rejected a claim by Apple Inc. that a Taiwanese-owned company has infringed its iPad trademark, a ruling that could threaten U.S. company's sales of its tablet computer in the country.

The court said on its website that it dismissed a lawsuit on Monday by Apple against Shenzhen Provieu Technology over the ownership of the iPad trademark.

The court has ruled that the Shenzhen company is not bound by a 2009 agreement that its Taiwanese affiliate made with Apple to transfer the trademarks.

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**Yahoo wins \$627M in scam case**

Yahoo says it has won a \$627 million court judgment in a scam that tried to dupe people into believing they had won prizes in a bogus lottery sponsored by the Internet company.

A New York federal court issued the default judgment on Monday. Collecting judgments in such cases can be a frustrating and fruitless exercise because online swindlers are often difficult to find.

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**Economy at risk from Euro crisis, BoC says**

► Potential for 'adverse shock' increased: Bank of Canada

Canadians need to start worrying about the worsening debt mess in Europe and its ability to hit hard in this country, the Bank of Canada warned Thursday in its semi-annual financial stability review.

"The (bank's) governing council judges that the risks to the stability of Canada's financial system are high and have increased markedly over the past six months," the central bank stated.

"Since June, the global retrenchment of risk associated with the European crisis has indeed resulted

in a significant correction in the prices of equities and other risky assets, as well as a widening of credit spreads in Canada."

Frankly, the bank said, measures currently undertaken to bring the European debt crisis under control "have repeatedly fallen short of what is needed."

On Wednesday night, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty poured cold water on an unconfirmed report that G20 nations would funnel \$600 billion US to Europe through the International Monetary Fund.

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Google. Groundbreaking



► Hong Kong government representatives and Google officials pose during the groundbreaking ceremony of Google's new data centre in Hong Kong on Thursday.

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**Engineering an Asian expansion**

Google says it will spend \$300 million on a new data centre in Hong Kong. The facility will be up and running by 2013, as the tech company beefs up infrastructure to keep pace with rapidly rising Internet use across Asia.

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**1** **Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra:** Classical music went all hip when Tourism Calgary and CPO, as part of its vocal warmup to a new season, asked followers on Twitter to tweet their advice for staying toasty this winter. CPO assembled the best 20 tweets, set them to an offbeat compilation version of *O Fortuna*, and posted their performance, *Singing Tweets*, to YouTube. It is believed to be the first professional Twitter chorus ever created. A tweotorus.

**2** **Heroes exhibit:** Inspired by his nephew, who overcame brain cancer, artist/gallery owner Mark Gleberzon has launched an exhibit, *Heroes: Real, Fictional and Close to Home*, which runs through Dec. 31 at his MJG gallery in Toronto. It features works by 16 artists who have interpreted the theme "heroes," from comic book superheroes to soldiers who have given their lives to cyclists as heroes juxtaposed against city traffic. Inspiring.

**3** **Canada's first Free Shipping Day:** Mark next Monday, Dec. 12 on your calendar as that's the day Free Shipping Day comes to Canada. Taking a page from the popular U.S. Free Shipping Day, it allows you to snap up last-minute deals from online merchants (see [freeshippingday.ca](http://freeshippingday.ca) for participating merchants) and receive free shipping with delivery by Christmas Eve. Yes, sick days and surfing online should be way up come next Monday.

**4** **New Year's Eve movie:** Garry Marshall's new romantic comedy *New Year's Eve* opens this Friday, about love and lust on New Year's in Time Square. It stars Sarah Jessica Parker, Hilary Swank, Jessica Biel, Ashton Kutcher, Zac Efron, Halle Berry, Robert De Niro and more. As Ellen said on her show this week, "Literally everyone in the world is in this movie." In other words, this New Year's Eve better not be a bust.

**5** **Own the Green Bay Packers:** They're coming off a Super Bowl win last year, and are unbeaten this year. So now is a great time for the publicly owned Green Bay Packers to set up a site [PackersOwner.com](http://PackersOwner.com), that allows Cheeseheads to buy "common stocks" (they're \$250 per share) in their storied franchise. You'll be sent a 12-inch-by-8-inch certificate so that "you will be able to display your ownership with pride," according to the site. Xmas gift. In.

**6** **Top trending topics:** What the Trend, Hootsuite's trend-spotting company, evaluated more than 200,000 Twitter hashtags to determine the top trending topics of 2011. The likes of Justin Bieber, Lady Gaga and Britney Spears are a few of the celebrities that made the Top 10. Thankfully, Kim Kardashian wasn't on this list. She should be on a Not Ever Trending Again list with Paris Hilton.

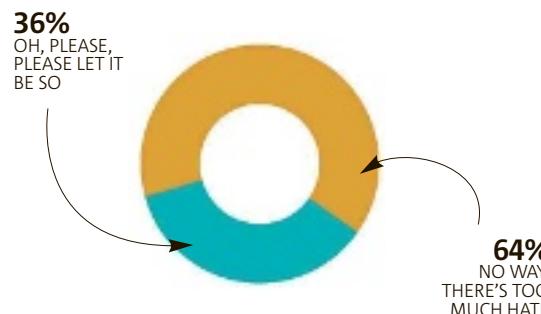
**7** **G N' R:** With news that seminal rock band Guns N' Roses are among those being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2012, comes new rumours of a possible reunion. I prefer to leave their *Appetite For Destruction* album in 1987 in high school, and not see a bloated Axl Rose ever take the stage again with Slash to perform *Sweet Child O' Mine*. Like rugger pants, some things really are better left in the past.

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### Local tweets



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► **@Ferraro161:** Once you get a BlackBerry that blinking light owns your soul

► **@OpenFileOTT:** Huzzah! [@Dalton\\_McGuinity: @Twitter launches "Yours to Discover" campaign. Where have I seen that before?](http://opnfil.es/sqxuARMT)

► **@JimWatsonOttawa:** Congratulations to #ottcity police for the major drug bust that took place today. Money, drugs and guns confiscated.

► **@matt\_ottawa\_26:** City of #ottawa solution to keeping the Laurier ave bike lanes open during winter, more road salt. #ottcity #ottbike <http://pic.twitter.com/mEk7CzV3>

► **@thewangzone:** Just heard the roundabout PSA for #ottcity. So much #DUH.

► **@MyroneDelacruz:** Who steals Christmas trees? People in #Ottawa apparently.

### Daily Zoom



### Fan of the bra goes a-bungee

LONDON. She got her eyes on the prize. This female bungee jumper and self-confessed lingerie fanatic took the plunge in front of a huge projection of model Adriana Cernanova at London's landmark Battersea power station on Wednesday. The jump was to launch the new Ultima Plunge bra by Wonderbra. • METRO WORLD NEWS



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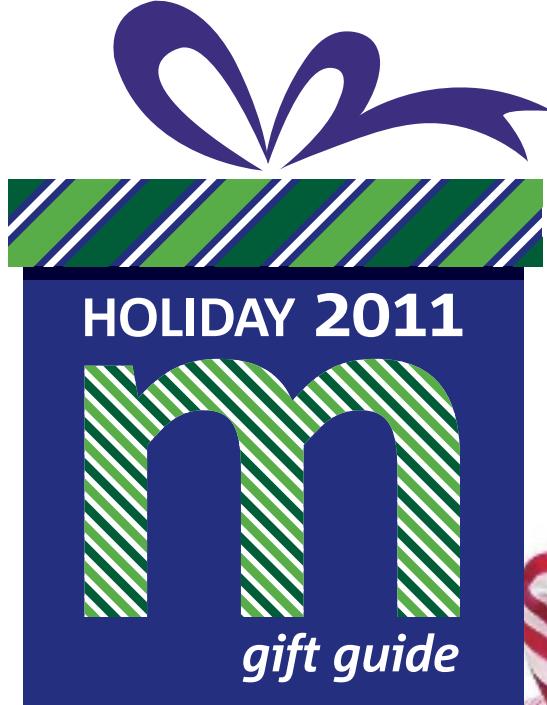
### 'Bungee jump? That's a prize?!

FEAR. Heidi, 29, mother of two, was one of three women who won an online competition to do the bungee jump. "I honestly didn't know what the prize was when I entered the competition," Heidi told Metro. "I was really nervous at the top, but a guy talked to me in a calm voice and told me it would be OK." • METRO WORLD NEWS



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As the technology matures, the price of 3-D TVs continues to drop. You don't have to break the bank this holiday season in order to put a 3-D TV under the tree. LG sets itself apart from the rest by offering passive 3-D technology in its Cinema series televisions.



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## Choose these to enhance your home theatre experience

sions. The glasses are cheap, lightweight and much easier on the eyes than traditional 3-D glasses. The TV comes loaded

with useful apps such as Netflix so you will be guaranteed to have something to watch after you are done opening all the presents!

#### 70-inch Sharp Aquos Quattron — \$3,299

If you think bigger is better then look no further than the 70-inch Sharp Aquos

Quattron. This LED TV is ideal for those who want a large picture but don't have the appropriate setup for a projector. Sharp's Quattron technology adds a fourth (yellow) pixel into the mix for more vivid yellows and more vibrant blues. A matte screen also ensures glare from light sources is re-

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This year is no exception, of course, so with that, keep these bona fide flicks in mind when looking for something to turn

your film freak starry-eyed this holiday season.

## Current

**Harry Potter: The Complete Eight-Film Collection**  
**Warner**

A full decade and eight feature films into this legacy, few need introduction to the bespectacled wizard and his spellbinding saga. However, even with latest series-capper Deathly Hallows only coming out recently, Warner announces that as of Dec. 29, all Harry Potter films will disappear from store shelves. While you have presumably been building your collection since 2001 debut The Philoso-



pher's Stone, grab The Complete Eight-Film Collection fast, before even magic can't bring it back.

## Classic

**Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory 40th Anniversary Ultimate Collector's Edition**  
**Warner**

With a title that long, it has to be great. Yes, we are all familiar with the inimitable Roald Dahl tale as performed by Gene Wilder, yet when packed with multiple extras in a double-wide numbered gift set, who can resist? We will all feel like Veruca Salt pining for the hours of extras, including a fresh di-

rector interview, Dahl featurette, 144-page production book reprint and — most importantly — a retro Wonka Bar-shaped tin box with scented pencils and eraser.

**Cartoon**  
**Mr. Magoo — The Television Collection, 1960-1977**  
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**Horror**  
**Friday The 13th: The Ultimate Collection**  
**Paramount**

No, it's not exactly in keeping with the holiday spirit, but even horror hounds deserve something this season. Heeding the call, The Ultimate Collection delivers with splatter film star Jason Voorhees and all 10 of his Friday The 13th flicks served up in a gruesome package. Bolstered by expanded editions, a book and a life-sized replica of the slasher's trademark hockey mask, this collection is as cool as it is creepy.

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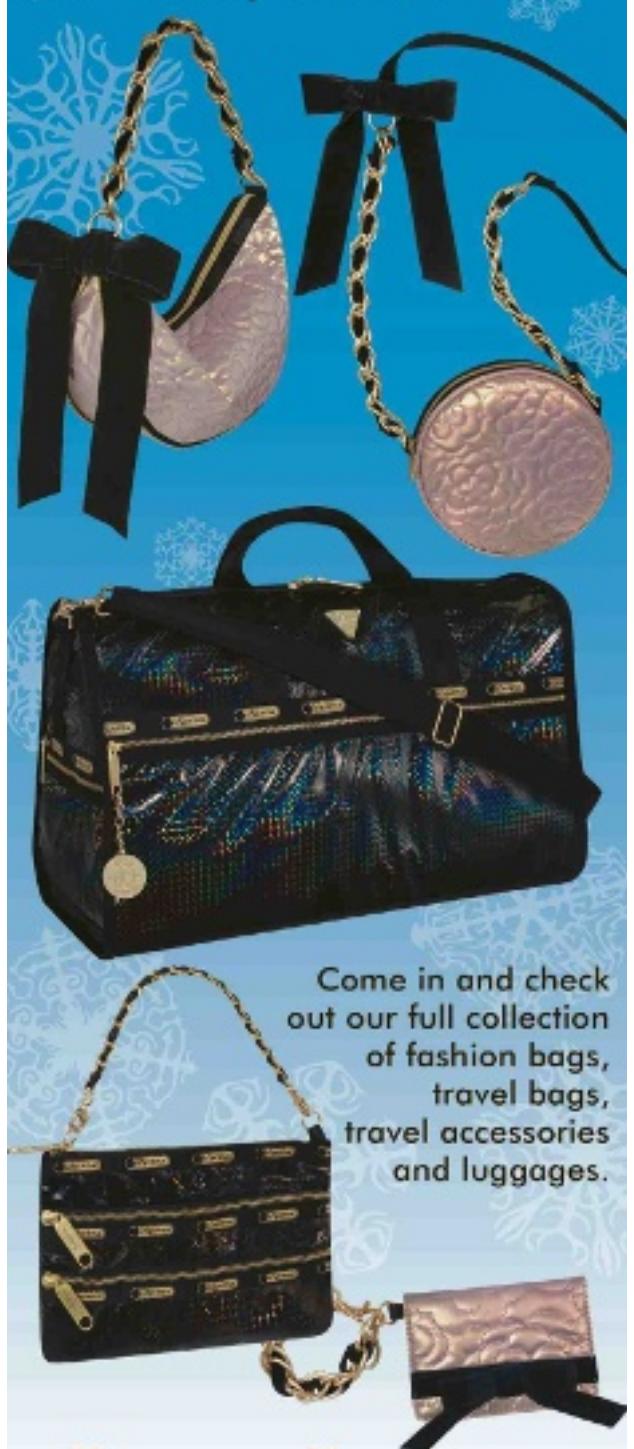


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# THE SMARTPHONE MARKET

## ANDROIDS ARE TAKING OVER THE WORLD

There's a lot of talk that Google's innovative mobile platform Android is becoming the number one smartphone platform in the world. And for good reason.

Earlier this year, Google announced that 400,000 new Android devices are being activated every day. That adds up to about 200 million Android devices in use around the world today!

In Canada, comScore, a measurement firm, also recently reported that Android doubled its share of the smartphone market between June to September. And, research company Gartner Inc. says Android represents 52.5 per cent of the worldwide smartphone market.

So what makes Android so successful?

First, the operating system is not tied to a specific manufacturer, so there's a wide selection of devices for consumers to choose from. Mobilicity, for example, carries Android smartphones made by HTC, Nokia and Samsung.

There are also a wide range of price points, from super affordable smartphones, such as the *Samsung Galaxy Mini (\$169.99 at Mobilicity)*, to more premium-priced phones like the *Samsung Nexus S (\$349.99 at Mobilicity)* and *HTC Amaze 4G (\$549.99 at Mobilicity)*.

Here's what else makes Android's appeal so wide-reaching:

### KEYBOARDS

Choose from both touchscreen and touch/QWERTY models. Some Android smartphones even come with handy keypad apps, like Quicktype by Swype, which comes pre-installed on the Samsung Galaxy Mini. It lets you quickly "swipe" from letter to letter to form a word

rather than having to tap on each touchscreen key — making sending texts and emails a breeze.

### CUSTOMIZATION TOOLS

Android makes it easy to set up the device to your liking. The intuitive TouchWiz on the Samsung Galaxy Mini, for example, lets you customize your home screen with widgets.

### GOOGLE SERVICES

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### APPS GALORE

There's a never-ending supply of apps — 320,000 free and paid apps at the Android Market; or you can download apps from other sources to customize your Android the way you want it!

### VOICE ACTIVATION

The free Voice Search app lets you search your phone, the web and nearby locations, by speaking into the device instead of typing. For example, you can tell your Samsung Nexus S smartphone what to send by text message — and it will. Now that's smart.

### MEDIA

Android makes it easy to load and play music and movies, with support for most common video file formats. Cameras range from the 5-Megapixel camera with autofocus and LED flash on the Samsung Nexus S to the 8-Megapixel HD camera and bonus 2-Megapixel front-facing camera on the HTC Amaze.

## FOUR TO EXPLORE

**Samsung Galaxy Mini** is a great quality Android at an affordable price. Its 3.14-inch Touch Screen with Touchwiz technology makes the interface highly responsive to touch. The 600 MHz processor supports Flash video.  
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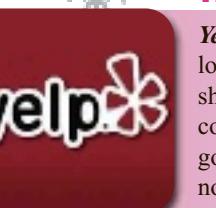
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# WHY ANDROID?



If you're thinking about getting a new smartphone and having a hard time choosing which platform to go with, here are some things to consider:

**LOTS OF CHOICE** Android phones are made by different manufacturers, which means there's a wider range of devices available than with other platforms.

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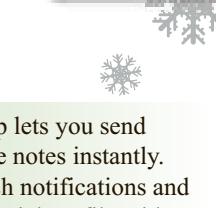
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limited to the 3.5 inch size found on some platforms — in fact, Android displays range up to 4.5 inches in size.

**DOUBLE THE MEMORY** Androids don't just have internal memory; there are options for external memory, too.

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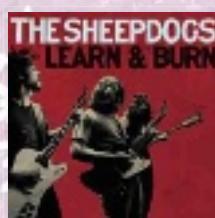
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# Tips to simplify your holiday shopping

Are you overwhelmed at the prospect of tackling your holiday gift list? Here are a few tips to help put your fears to rest and conquer that list like a pro:

## 1 Get gifts that are personal.

Start by making a list. Write down who you are shopping for and then list their interests. This will help you narrow down gift ideas and ensure success.

## 2 Avoid spending time on wasteful items,

**such as a card for every present.** Print personalized labels at stickeryou.com and put them on everything from presents to wine bottles to your holiday baking. This will save you both time and money.

**3 Find gifts that can be enjoyed by the whole family.** If you have four family members on your list, cut it down by settling on one gift they can all enjoy together. This can include a board game, a DVD set, even a craft. For example,

StickerYou.com has a product called Make + Print Your Own Stickers. It offers packages of 40 to 110 stickers that make for a fun craft project. Mom can make family address labels, dad can come up with funny bumper stickers, and

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**4 Order online.** Avoid lineups at the mall, let the gifts come to you. Or better yet — have it shipped directly to them.

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\* Getting drunk, acting silly or any other non-professional behaviour should be avoided at your office holiday party. Being known as the office clown is never a good thing, particularly at promotion time next year.

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Oh, yes, the annual office holiday party! This can either be a disaster waiting to happen or an opportunity for business success.

First and foremost, despite the name, a holiday party is still a business function and getting drunk, acting silly or any other non-professional behaviour is out. Remember, these are your working peers and bosses, and being known as the office clown from the annual holiday party is never a good thing, particularly at promotion time the following year!

So keep the number of alcoholic drinks under control. I like the rule of

two alcoholic drinks at a cocktail party and three alcoholic drinks for a sit-down dinner. Try to pace these out by having a non-alcoholic drink between each alcoholic beverage.

Keep your conversation pleasant. You can talk about a large number of items and, in fact, the best lesson to learn if you are nervous about what to talk about is to read Metro from cover to cover the morning of your party. Why you ask?

Because this gives you a bunch of topics to talk about that are all current and relevant. What not to talk about always remains the same in a professional environment. Never talk about politics or religion.

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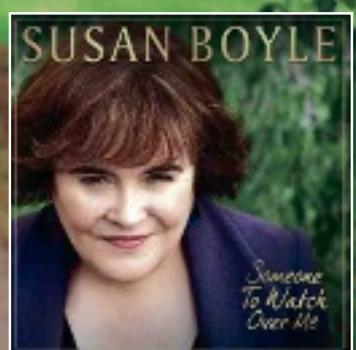
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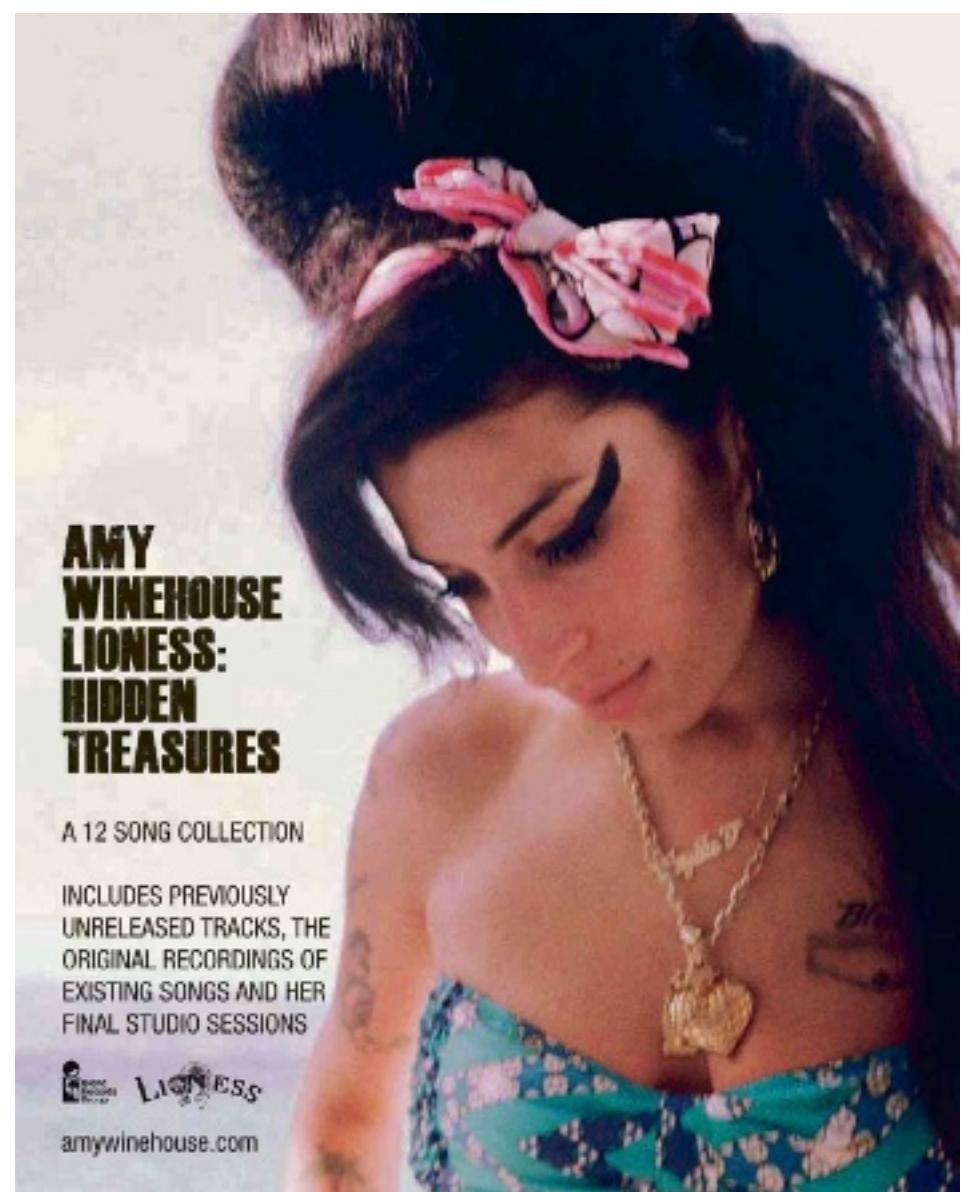
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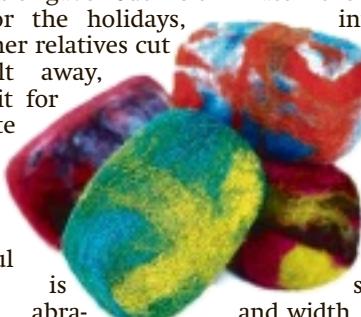
# Handmade gifts with a creative twist

The holidays can pose a challenge for crafters: What to make for friends and relatives that is useful, attractive — and fast to churn out? Speed and simplicity are key this time of year.

These projects capture the imagination and offer ample opportunity for improvising; put your creative twist on any of them for memorable gifts.

#### Felt soap

The first time Leah Adams of Seattle gave out felt soap for the holidays, one of her relatives cut the felt away, taking it for elaborate packaging. It wasn't. The colourful felting is slightly abrasive and holds suds well.



Five years later, Adams sells hundreds of felt soaps, including at her Etsy online shop, kneek, or SpiderFelt. But she always includes a tag that warns against cutting away the felt. Adams recommends viewing her Felt Soap Tutorial on YouTube for complete instructions, but it's basically wrapping a 55-gram bar of soap in wool roving, adding water, and then gently agitating the wool until it shrinks tightly around the soap. Presto.

#### e-reader cover

Lisa Occhipinti of Venice, Calif., is a painter and sculptor who tears apart old books, incorporating pages into her fine art, but also devising ingenious everyday sculptural uses, from mobiles and mirrors

to wreaths and the "Kindle Keeper." She finds old books at thrift stores and garage sales. The Kindle Keeper can be fashioned for any electronic tablet, protecting the device while returning the feel of a good book to the e-reading experience.

She explains how to customize the project in her book *The Repurposed Library* (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2011): Start with an orphaned hardcover book whose title or cover art match the gift recipient's interests and is large enough to comfortably fit the device.

Tear out the inside pages. Cut a piece of decorative paper to fit the spine's height and width, adding 1.3 centimetres to the width. Glue that in; allow it to dry.

Apply three small Velcro dots to the back of the electronic device — two at the top, one at the bottom. Attach the hook mates to each piece of Velcro, then remove the paper backing and centre the device on the inside back cover of the old book, pressing to secure the Velcro to the back cover.

#### Simple beaded jewelry

The 2011 Martha Stewart Holiday Handbook shares instructions for how to make delicate, beaded necklaces with minimal parts. Its simplicity is the beauty of this project, says Marci McGoldrick, editorial director of Holiday & Crafts for Martha Stewart Living.

"A lot of jewelry on the market now uses ribbon instead of chain, or there's

fabric incorporated into it," says McGoldrick.

Using 50 centimetres of 5mm-wide ribbon and a beading needle, string assorted beads. Attach a clasp and a connector to the ribbon at each end, knotting them into place. Another

necklace: For a continuous strand of beads, use 50 centimetres of silk beading cord. Attach a connector to the end of the cord and thread with beads. At the midpoint, thread two jingle bells, and then continue beading. Affix the clasp to

the other end by knotting it.

#### Embellished T-shirts

There are many ways to embellish and personalize a T-shirt; hand or kitchen towels; or a tote. McGoldrick suggests taking a profile photo of a beloved

pet, enlarging it and cutting it out of a fabric that won't fray, such as ultra-suede. Attach the silhouette and a twill-tape collar and leash to a tote with craft glue; sew them to a T-shirt or towel.

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**Synopsis**

► It's Dec. 31 and we follow the stories of Robert De Niro as a terminally ill man; Halle Berry as his kindly nurse. Then there's odd couple Michelle Pfeiffer and Zac Efron, anxiety-ridden Hilary Swank, ex-lovers Katherine Heigl and Jon Bon Jovi and even Ryan Seacrest pops up playing — who else? — himself. Have we left anyone out? Probably. There are more stars here than in the heavens, but rest assured, by the end of the movie, stories have woven together and no hearts are broken.

► Ratings:  
Richard: ½  
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# Dropping the ball?

► Impressive collection of stars in New Year's Eve ► But film devoid of real emotion

**Richard:** Mark, this mish-mash of easy sentiment, romance, illness, musical numbers and product placement flip-flops from story to story so often, it's like a five-year-old grabbed the remote and is wildly channel surfing. It's not so much a movie as it is a cavalcade of familiar names in situations geared to make you understand why everybody hates Dec. 31. Am I being too cynical?

**Mark Breslin:** Oh, Richard, what's the matter with you? You mean you don't like shoddy writing, implausible plot lines, cameos masquerading as script development, and a general tone of emotional manipulation? The movie screams

"BOGUS" from the opening "inspiring" shots of the Statue of Liberty to the hack credit roll outtakes.

You know what's odd? I kind of liked Valentine's Day, the earlier, funnier, more touching version of this Garry Marshall shmatzfest. Here's a challenge: did you find anything to like?

**RC:** Well... let me see. I thought Zac Efron was passably charming and a couple of the outtakes at the end are funnier than anything contained in the actual movie. But there are Walmart commercials with more real emotion than director Garry Marshall manages to bring to this manipulative mess.

**MB:** And I didn't mind the scenes between Ashton Kutcher and Lea Michele. Trapped in an elevator, at least the movie slows down long enough for a few real moments to break through. And Larry Miller was funny as the tow truck operator.

But back to the travesties: Russell Peters hiding behind an accent he swore he'd never do; Michelle Pfeiffer's stupid bucket list; Robert DeNiro's bathetic hospital scenes; but the worst was Hilary Swank's "love" speech to the assembled Times Square multitude.

I've lived in New York, and believe me, the crowd wouldn't have applauded politely — they would have

hurled obscenities at her. Which would have been a much better scene!

**RC:** It certainly is a New York-centric flick. Even NYC mayor Bloomberg gets into the action.

By the time he kicks off the New Year's Eve countdown with the words, "Let's drop the ball," it's already abundantly clear that Garry Marshall already dropped the ball with this movie.

**MB:** Very funny, Richard! I think a better version of the movie would have been scenes of Garry Marshall convincing all those Hollywood stars to work for a fraction of their rate card.

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**Scene in brief**

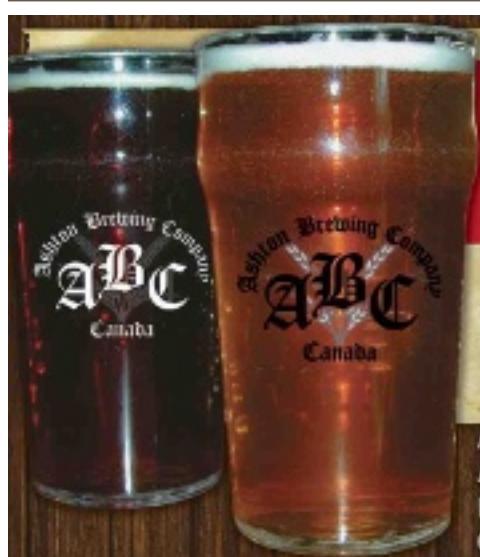
Emma Watson's advice to teenagers is: "feel comfortable in your own skin."

The 21-year-old Harry Potter star, on her second visit to Hong Kong, told reporters Thursday: "Be true to who you are and do the best to feel comfortable in your own skin. You are all right exactly as you are."

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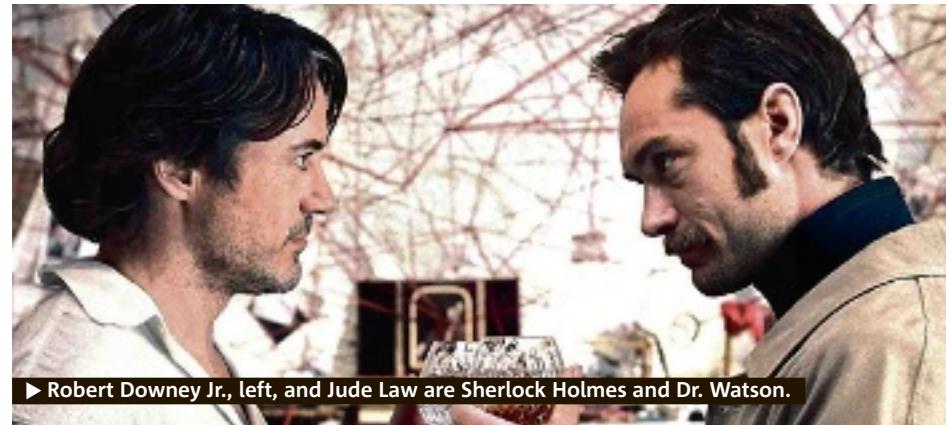
# Downey Jr. dusts off his deerstalker

► Established actor reprises his role as Sherlock Holmes in sequel

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Robert Downey Jr. knows how to work a room. I notice this while at the swank-a-delic Peninsula Hotel in Beverly Hills for a press conference to celebrate the release of *Sherlock Holmes: Game of Shadows*.

It's a packed panel, including co-stars Noomi Rapace (the original *Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*) and Jared Harris, mega producer Joel Silver and Downey's business and life partner Susan. Between them there are untold Oscar nominations and hundreds of millions in box office returns, but that doesn't mean squat when Downey enters and takes centre stage. All eyes—and 90 per cent of the questions—go to him. Midway he feigns embarrassment at the attention and says, "Why doesn't someone ask Joel Silver a question?" Why? Because Downey is the most quotable, funny and memorable person in the room, that's why.



► Robert Downey Jr., left, and Jude Law are *Sherlock Holmes* and Dr. Watson.

Here's a sample of what he had to say.

**On making sequels:**

"There should be a whole online support team for anyone who has ever been involved in making a second part to a first that worked. There is so much to learn. The greatest disguise was us disguising ourselves as consummate by-the-numbers professionals when, in fact, we're all incredibly eccentric."

**When asked to talk about performing *Sherlock Holmes*' drag scenes:**

"I guess we're not talking

about this as one of the most important films of the year. I put on some make-up. How are we going to get nominated with these kinds of questions?"

**On improving on set:**

"I think the goal is to make a well-written scene seem improvised, or to find things in the room you couldn't have known until you get in the real situation and just try and improve things as you go along."

**On why his co-star was absent:**

"Jude (Law) would have

been here, by the by, but his son had a soccer game."

**On keeping the set "green":**

"I just remember that every animal that was harmed was promptly taxidermied and sent as a gift to one of the many ecological companies who have these huge concerns that I validate."

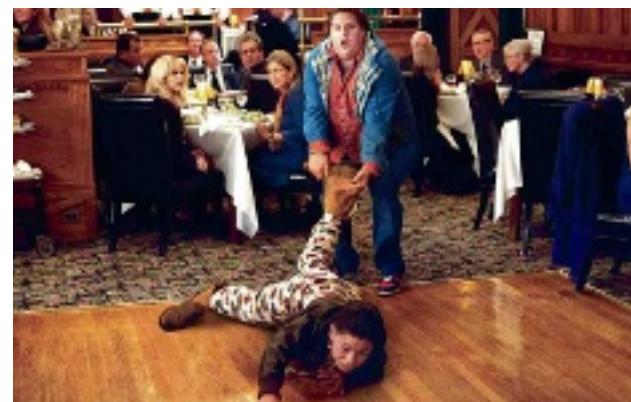
**On working with Jude Law and director Guy Ritchie:**

"Jude and I are pretty close, but Guy and I are practically brothers. There have been times I have wanted to lob off his head with a machete."

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**The Sitter**

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But when his hideous

girlfriend lures him to score her cocaine, the night turns into a crass journey of misadventures. Simply put, *The Sitter* plays solely as a vehicle for Hill to perform the chubby-guy-talking-trash shtick he's mastered since *Superbad*. If that works for you, sit tight and enjoy him in his pejorative prime. ● STEVE GOW

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**Stars:** Ed Wolf, Paul Boneberg, Daniel Goldstein

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# A little Fireball

► Willow Smith wants her fans to be empowered after listening to her new album ► Pairs with Nicky Minaj

Willow Smith is all about kid empowerment.

The young singer says she's hoping to inspire listeners with her upcoming album *Knees and Elbows*.

"It's gonna make them feel like they have control over their lives and can do what they want to do and be the person they want to be," she said Wednesday night.

Willow is already proving that at just 11. The daughter of Will and Jada Pinkett Smith has become a buzzed-about star thanks to her hit song *Whip My Hair*. She's also become a fashion trendsetter with her funky clothes; on Wednesday, her hair was closely cropped with big bangs in the front, and she wore a cropped jacket with decals, including the name of her album, and sequined jeans.

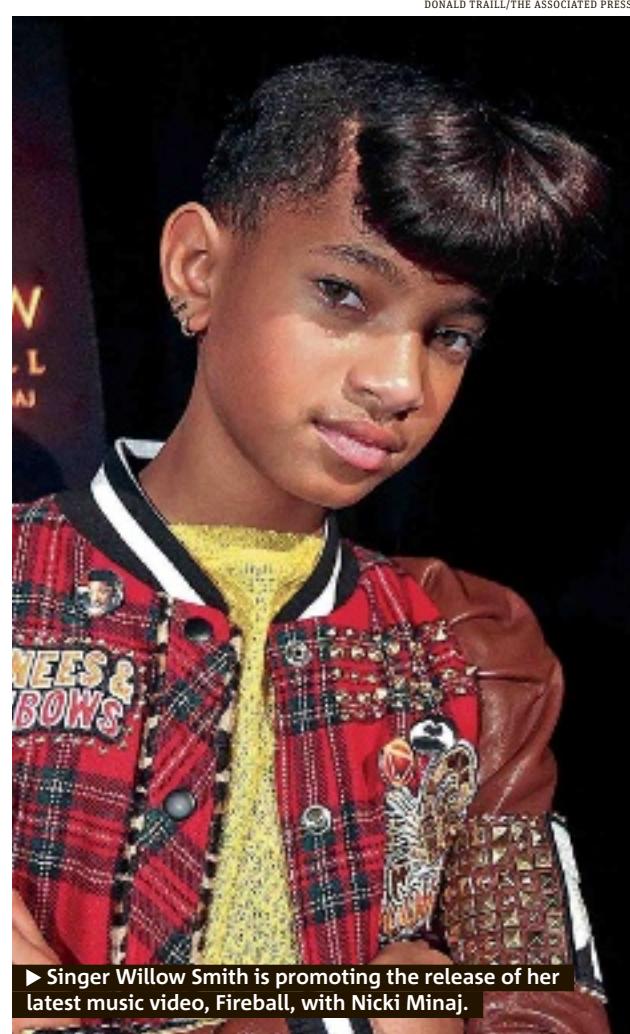
"I get a lot of my style from my friends," she said, also citing her aunt.

Willow recently teamed up with another fashionista, singer-rapper Nicki Minaj, for Willow's new song *Fireball*. Willow premiered it for groups of children and their parents at the Sony Store, as well as BET's 106 & Park.

Even though Minaj and Willow are cited for their style, Willow says they didn't share any fashion tips.

"We just kind of vibed off each other and had fun," she said.

*Knees and Elbows* is scheduled to be released in



► Singer Willow Smith is promoting the release of her latest music video, *Fireball*, with Nicki Minaj.

April. Willow said it will be "more R&B." The title ties in to her theme of inspiration.

"Everybody falls down and scrapes their knees and elbows but they eventually get back up," she said.

Willow said she and her

famous family will be vacationing for the holidays, and that she's not anxious about a Christmas gift.

"I have everything I need. I have my mom, my dad, my brothers, my family; ... that's pretty much what I want to keep," she said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Alan Cross taps Lykke Li as one of the most overlooked albums this year.

## 2011'S MUSICIANS WHO DESERVE ANOTHER LOOK

### SOUND CHECK



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There's just too much music these days.

No wonder that so much great stuff—a disturbing amount—slips through the cracks. Here's a list of artists and albums that you may have missed over the last twelve months.

#### Cults/Cults

A boy-girl band from Manhattan who went from mysterious indie duo to major label signing in the space of just a few months. I dare you not to sing along.

#### Cut Copy/Zonoscope

Third album from this Australian electronic band which has been nominated for a Grammy. Opener "Need You Now" is a great love song.

**EMA/Past Life Martyred Saints**

EMA is Erika M. Anderson, who makes music out of what seems to be a succession of life crises. It's the kind of powerful, painful stuff that Courtney Love used to make about twenty years ago.

#### PJ Harvey/Let England Shake

No two PJ Harvey albums ever sound alike. Her tenth album is nothing short of stunning. No wonder it won Britain's Mercury Prize.

#### The Joy Formidable/The Big Roar

When this album came out in January, some people were calling this Welsh band "the next Muse." That might have been a bit much, but this is still one of my favourite indie records of the year.

#### Lykke Li/Wounded Rhymes

Think of her as Sweden's answer to Bjork and Tori Amos but without the attendant weirdness. A hit in Scandinavia, it should have garnered more mainstream attention elsewhere.

#### The Kills/Blood Pressures

Yes, I have a thing for Alison Mosshart, whom you might remember from working with Jack

White in The Dead Weather. If the band name sounds familiar, it might because the other half of the band, Jamie Hince, married Kate Moss this past summer.

#### My Morning Jacket/Circuits

Think a more psychedelic Kings of Leon. Maybe their Grammy nomination in the Best Alternative Album category will goose things for the band.

#### Unknown Mortal Orchestra/Unknown Mortal Orchestra

Yes, it's supposed to sound like this. UMO's music sounds like it's coming from an AM radio broadcasting a strange kind of pop-funk from 1973. Not for everyone, but that doesn't mean it isn't fascinating.

#### Washed Out/Within and Without

A synthpop chillwave album that's floaty, luxuriant and cheerfully blissful. Although it reached as high as #26 on the Billboard album charts, I still think more people need to hear this record.

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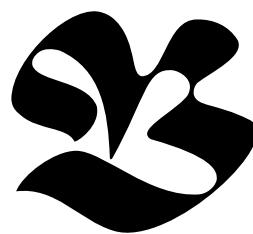
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# Hollywood's 100

► The most influential women in entertainment gathered at the Beverly Hills Hotel to celebrate

For the 20th consecutive year, Hollywood's most powerful women came together to break bread and celebrate their achievements in entertainment.

Jane Fonda and the late filmmaker Laura Ziskin were honoured at the breakfast ceremony



► Nancy Grace

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Wednesday at the Beverly Hills Hotel, held by the Hollywood Reporter in concert with its annual Power 100 ranking of the entertainment industry's most powerful women.

"This list matters," said Janice Min, the magazine's editorial director. "Acknowledging the achievements of women in a town where only 16 per cent of all powerful, behind-the-scenes jobs are held by them — and that number is declining — is important."

Anne Sweeney, co-chairman of Disney Media Networks, tops the list.

Chelsea Handler, who ranked 97th on the list, welcomed guests including Nancy Grace (ranked 86th) and reality star Bethenny Frankel (No. 100 on the list), along with actresses Kate Bosworth and Emmy Rossum and the ubiquitous Kim Kardashian.

Actress Kirsten Dunst and

Sony Pictures co-chairman Amy Pascal (No. 2 on the Power 100 list) presented a tribute to Spider-Man producer and Stand Up To Cancer founder Ziskin, who helped raise more than \$180 million for cancer research before succumbing to the disease in June.

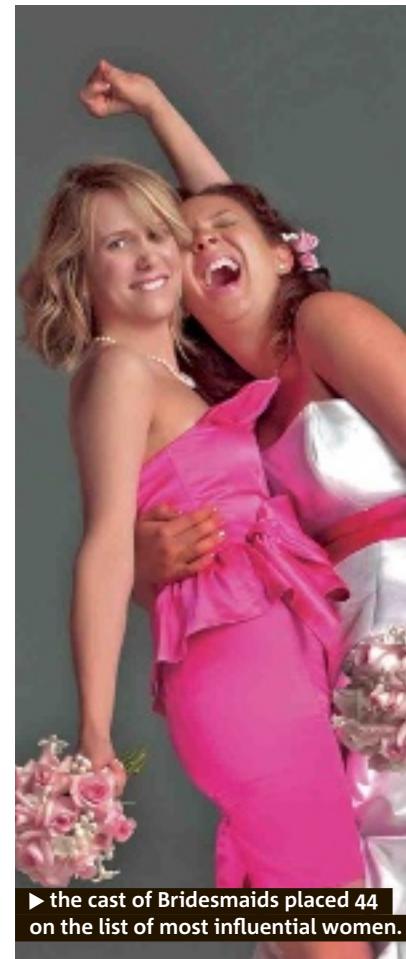
Former Paramount Pictures chief Sherry Lansing lauded her friend Fonda for her pioneering work in film, fitness, philanthropy and activism, presenting the 73-year-old actress with the Sherry Lansing Leadership Award.

Lansing said that Fonda has "led us artistically and made us question our lives politically."

"I still idolize you, Jane, and you still inspire me," the former studio chief said.

Fonda said that while women have made strides in front of and behind the camera, the entertainment industry needs more female decision makers.

"Until more women wield the



► the cast of *Bridesmaids* placed 44 on the list of most influential women.

power to decide what movies and TV shows get made, Hollywood culture won't really yield all the fascinating complexities that are the realities of women's lives," she said. "Until then, we're accepting supporting roles in an



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industry many of us have devoted our lives to."

The next generation of female leaders also participated in the annual Women in Entertainment breakfast. The Help author Kathryn Stock-

ett and stars Viola Davis and Octavia Spencer introduced 12 Los Angeles-area high school juniors who will be mentored by fe-

male entertainment executives for the next year through a program launched in 2009 by the Hollywood Reporter and

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# How Regis Got This Way

► TV legend pens book about the famous people who have changed him

Regis Philbin still gets worked up about the 17-year-old *Seinfeld* episode in which he called Kramer "bonkos."

"Oh my God, I lose my breath every time I think about it," says the perennially exasperated TV host.

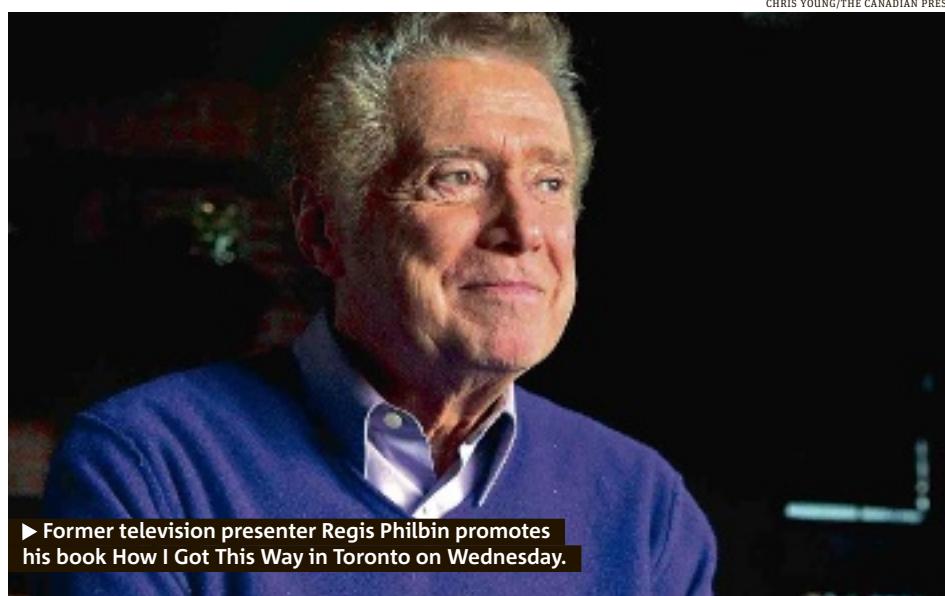
The anecdote is detailed in *How I Got This Way*, Philbin's new memoir about his encounters with a seemingly endless parade of celebrities including Jerry Seinfeld, George Clooney, Howard Stern, Steven Spielberg, George Steinbrenner and Joe DiMaggio.

Last month, Philbin left *Live! With Regis and Kelly* after more than 28 years on morning television, many of them spent with co-hosts Kathie Lee Gifford and Kelly Ripa. During the daily host chat segment on *Live!*, he mastered the art of turning an everyday incident into an engaging story.

It's a talent that's on dis-

**“Confidence is really the key. You’ve got to have it, you’ve got to express it. Tell everybody what you want and go get it.”**

REGIS PHILBIN



► Former television presenter Regis Philbin promotes his book *How I Got This Way* in Toronto on Wednesday.

play from the moment he shows up for a 9 a.m. interview.

"You wouldn't believe what I've been through!" says the excitable entertainer, launching into a colourful tale about a lost passport.

As for the job he has just left, Philbin says he's been so busy promoting his book that he's had little time to miss *Live!*

Written in a highly readable format, each chapter of *How I Got This Way* is about someone who made an impact on Philbin and concludes with a summary of what the Who Wants To

Be A Millionaire? personality took away from the encounter.

"I just kept writing about those incidents that moved me in some way," says Philbin. "I thought, this can happen from spending one night with someone, or a meeting with someone, or just brushing against them in some way — that they can, in another way, change you for the better."

Philbin writes about a wild night he and wife Joy spent at Clooney's Italian villa on Lake Como. He tells of his initial encounter with shock jock Stern (his neighbour in New York City) and

## Regis unplugged

After spending an astounding 16,000 hours on television since the early 1950s, Philbin has crossed paths with some major stars.

► In *How I Got This Way*, he relates those meetings with the same insider-y dish that proved so irresistible to *Live!* viewers.

his friendship with the late Yankees owner Steinbrenner. He also details an encounter at Yankee Stadium with his childhood idol DiMaggio. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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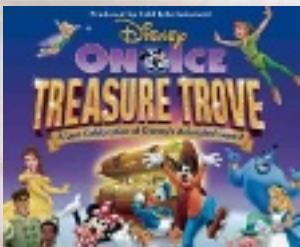
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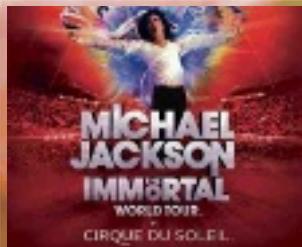
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**IMPROV MEETS CHRISTMAS.** Acclaimed Canadian improv troupe The National Theatre of the World presents *A Very F-ing Mamet Christmas*, featuring special guest Ron James on Sunday. National Theatre of the World has won three Canadian Comedy Awards. (CBC)



## Robyn shows SNL some love

**KATY PERRY TO HOST.** On Saturday Night Live, it's a pop-star extravaganza as American hit maker Katy Perry takes on the role of host and Swedish recording artist Robyn performs. Both singers were recently nominated for Grammy awards. (Global, NBC)

## An Idiot goes deep-sea fishing

**WHEN IN ALASKA.** Karl Pilkington, who's starred alongside comedy giants Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant in their popular podcast, rides a deep-sea fishing trawler in Alaska on *An Idiot Abroad: The Bucket List* on Friday.

It's just one of many adventures Gervais and Merchant push Pilkington into for the series. (Discovery Channel)

## Amazing Race, amazing drama

**WHO SAID SUNDAY WAS THE DAY OF REST?** The Amazing Race finale on Sunday (CBS, CTV) is followed by an intense episode of *The Good Wife*, in which Alicia tries to have a judgment thrown out after her client is shockingly found guilty. (Global, CBS)

## Did RCMP not protect women?

**FIFTH ESTATE PROBE.** The investigative journalism series CBC News: the Fifth Estate delves into sexual harassment allegations at the RCMP on Friday night.

Featured is the story of women who signed up to Canada's pre-eminent police force and now claim it failed to protect them. (CBC) THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Who's Fascinating to Barbara Walters

► Who's been naughty, who's been nice: Walters chats to 10 of the most prominent news-makers of 2011

On her new TV special, Barbara Walters gets up close and personal with Donald Trump.

Maybe too personal.

"We started with his hair," confides Walters. "He said, 'Pull it and you can see that it's not a hairpiece.' So I did. And I still think it's a hairpiece."

Trump — the follically perplexing reality star, businessman and sometimes presidential candidate — is on Walters' list of The 10 Most Fascinating People of 2011, which airs on ABC on Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. EST. It's the 19th annual compilation of the year's

most prominent names in entertainment, sports and popular culture.

Walters says she questioned Trump on his year of political adventures, which included commandeering the "birther" bandwagon by stoking doubt about U.S. President Barack Obama's U.S. citizenship, and by teasing voters with the prospect of his stepping into the presidential race as a Republican candidate (Trump, of course, then opted not to take the leap).

"But he still is talking about running," Walters says. "He told me, 'If the Republicans pick the wrong

person, if the economy continues to be bad, I would certainly consider running as an independent.'

Other Fascinating People include talent-show baron Simon Cowell, pop singing sensation Katy Perry and New York Yankees star Derek Jeter, who tells Walters that he'd like to own an athletic team.

"I told him, 'You're making a lot of money. You could buy one,'" reports Walters. "And he says, 'Great. I'll buy one with you.' We made a deal."

Also on board are Jesse Tyler Ferguson and Eric Stonestreet, the loving on-

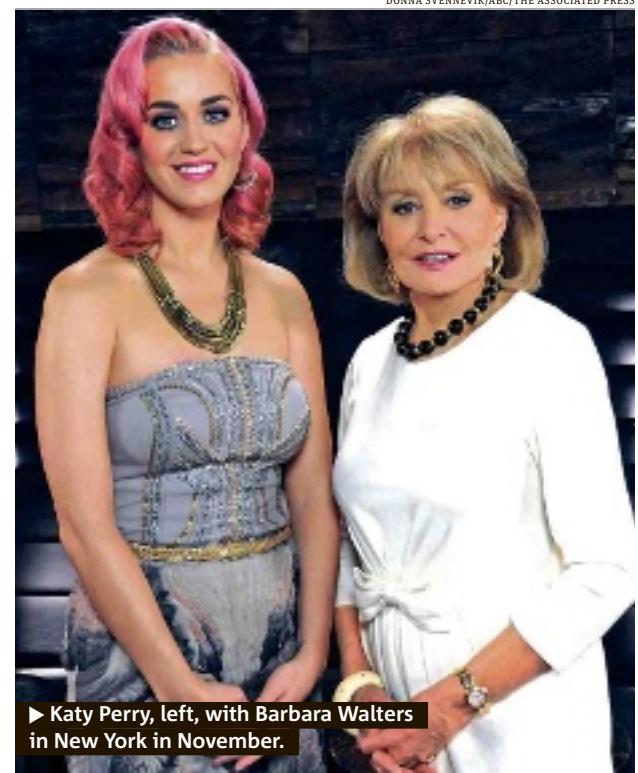
## Kardashian insight

Walters offers an explanation for all the popularity that's been showered on celebrities like the Kardashians who readily admit they have no talents worth celebrating.

► "They're pretty women, they're glamorous and they don't know private from public," Walters says. "And they're part of a family — one for all and all for one — that people relate to."

screen couple from ABC's comedy hit Modern Family, and the Kardashian reality TV family.

Other Fascinating names include Pippa Middleton, dishy sister of British royal



► Katy Perry, left, with Barbara Walters in New York in November.

of her roommate.

Walters calls the show "exciting, because it was fun to do. And these were easy interviews. There was no pulling teeth."

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# Kardashian's choice

Kardashian matriarch Kris Jenner is on a panel of seven judges who will pick next year's Miss America during a pageant in January in Las Vegas.

Jenner, a star of cable re-

ality show Keeping Up With the Kardashians, will join Meet the Parents actress Teri Polo and ABC's lifestyle anchor Lara Spencer on the panel announced Wednesday.

Also judging the pageant will be Dancing With the Stars dancer Mark Ballas, The Bachelor executive producer Mike Fleiss, Extreme Makeover: Weight Loss Edition host Chris Powell and

Raul de Molina, a former photographer and host of Univision entertainment news show El Gordo y la Flaca. The pageant's finals are scheduled for Jan. 14 at the Planet Hollywood Re-

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# Uh oh, Fear Factor's back

► Leech-filled lunches are just one of the delights we've been missing from this reality show

There's a problem on the set of *Fear Factor*.

The squirming leeches that are supposed to stick to a pair of production assistants who are testing a gross-out challenge keep falling off their nearly nude bodies before the wormy critters can be chewed up and swallowed. Inside a control-room truck parked outside a barn on the site of the L.A. County Fair, the show's producers scramble to save the slimy stunt.

Instead of couples taking turns dipping into a chilly tub filled with the blood suckers, the producers quickly decide that only the bikini-clad female halves of the teams will be submerged in the leech-infested water, and their male counterparts will be tasked with yank-



► Contestants are whisked to safety after completing a stunt in the premiere episode of *Fear Factor* airing Monday on NBC.

ing the creatures off their teammates' skin with only their mouths before the pair gorge on leeches.

When the actual contestants tackle the slimy gag, it moves swiftly and without issue — well, any

issue that would concern someone responsible for the likes of *Fear Factor*.

The bloodcurdling screams, violent vomiting and emotional breakdowns that ensue during the leech sucking-and-

## Hate-to-love TV

*Fear Factor* debuted in 2001 and promptly became a popular guilty pleasure, long before such trashy fare as *Jersey Shore* and *Keeping Up With the Kardashians*.

► Ratings eventually dwindled though, and after a series of gimmicky installments, including Miss USA and military editions, *Fear Factor* slithered away from NBC after six seasons in 2006.

eating exercise delight the admittedly twisted producers inside the control room.

"When we do a stunt like today, I feel it's as good, if not better, than the gross stunts that we

did in the past," executive producer Matt Kunitz said unapologetically during a break from filming earlier this year.

"We made the right call because the girls were all freaking out. If the guys were in the tub, they would've been stoic about it, and it would've been boring."

It's been five years since Kunitz and his team last worried about ways to freak out reality TV contestants, and time doesn't seem to have hindered their mission for tension-building sadism on the over-the-top NBC contest.

The revived *Fear Factor*, which begins Monday on NBC at 8 p.m. EST, will be broadcast in high definition but will feel familiar to viewers — same logo, format and host.

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# Winning over fickle TV fans

► Film and television execs try to lure viewers with aggressive marketing stunts and touring showcases

Gone are the days when a loyal TV viewer would turn the dial to a stalwart network like CBS and settle in for the evening.

Rare, too, is the film fan with a standing date to catch a big theatrical release on opening day.

And so it goes that comic Patton Oswalt recently found himself on a cross-country tour to pitch his new film *Young Adult* directly to movie-goers along with actress Charlize Theron and director Jason Reitman, theatre by theatre, town by town.

"I want people to discover this movie ... just with sort of a blank brain, rather than me putting any ideas into their heads right now," Oswalt says of the promotional strategy, which had

the offbeat feature skipping the more usual festival circuit in favour of secret screenings with average viewers. "And just show them that, 'Hey, I'm excited about this, we're excited about this.'

Film and TV marketers have been getting especially creative in their attempts to lure eyeballs in their direction, resorting to publicity stunts that seem to rely more and more on reaching out to viewers directly with on-the-street campaigns.

Stunts in 2011 included a flash mob in Toronto meant to promote the big-budget sci-fi spectacle *Green Lantern*. Marketing guru Mike Vollman says hitting the road with a movie and its cast is nothing new, but he acknowledges that out-

of-the-box tactics are a sign of the times.

"It's certainly harder to find the audiences — everyone is super-distracted, everybody I know spends their entire day with their head buried into an electronic device," says Vollman, an L.A.-based consultant with 20 years experience working with Disney, DreamWorks, Paramount and MGM.

"That has also made it super-hard to get a hold of people but that doesn't mean a flash mob is going to make you see *Green Lantern*."

Lewchuk says bold, unusual stunts can at least get an audience to sit up and pay attention, and that's a good thing.

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► Jet set fun: *Pan Am* is a globe-spanning melodrama set in the Kennedy presidency.

## Watch us... please?

CTV pushed their fall lineup by setting up airplane-shaped screening rooms in shopping malls across Canada staffed with look-alike Pan Am flight attendants who invited mall rats to catch an early glimpse of rookie shows including *Pan Am*, *X Fac-*

*tor and Grimm*.

CTV marketing honcho Rick Lewchuk says the campaign was unusual but necessary to highlight a programming slate in an increasingly competitive entertainment field. "If you don't go the extra effort and you don't do those extra things then you're

just kind of doing what everybody else is doing," says Lewchuk, senior vice president of Bell Media Agency, CTV's in-house marketing and promotions division. "They're time consuming, they're a little bit more work, but they're fun and I think the viewers appreciate it."

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# Great games — no batteries

**► Nostalgia rules this year as parents want their kids to discover the board games they loved**

In Christmas Past, children would find all sorts of simple games under the tree: Tiddlywinks, pickup sticks and board games could amuse young minds for hours.

Batteries and computer chips have made much of kid's play an electronic spectator sport today, but there are signs of some pushback.

Retailers are offering a variety of vintage-style games, and many baby boomers are seeking out the toys they remember fondly — puzzles, board games and the like.

Steven Josephson, owner of The Toy Box store in Mamaroneck, N.Y., said board games are always a big seller "but in the last couple of years, they've really been popular. People remember the old-fashioned games like Monopoly, Stratego, Sorry, and want their own kids to play them. Parcheesi's come way back this year."

At the New York International Gift Fair this fall, gift retailer Wild & Wolf drew crowds to its Ridley's collection of vintage-style games.

The line features many old favourites, including marbles, jacks and tumbling blocks. (Available at

Burkedecor.com, among other sites.) The package designs are retro too: cardboard or tin boxes, muted colours, early 20th-century-style lithography.

And indeed, the visuals are part of the appeal of these games. There's something charming about a toy that doesn't come in a loud, primary-coloured box, or a plastic case.

Hasbro has teamed up with Target this season to offer classic board games in wooden boxes, including Life, Clue, Risk and Scrabble.

"Key words for Christmas 2011 are nostalgia, family, tradition and longevity," says Riann Henkel, a forecaster for Sphere Trending, in Waterford, Mich.

If you're interested in the actual, original board games you played as a kid, you'll find sources online. Prices are of-

ten surprisingly modest, in the \$20 range.

Los Angeles-based game collector Desi Scarpone has been an aficionado of board games since he was young, and rues the day he let his mom get rid of his old ones. Scarpone sells games from the 1940s through the 1990s at his website, 4gamesgoneby.com. They include some rare

ones like 1951's Space Pilot, 1967's The Monkees, and a copy of the only Beatles game ever made, Flip Your Wig.

"There's been a steady resurgence in vintage board game popularity for the last several years. The children of my generation have children of their own, and they want them to feel the same joy and excitement they originally felt when playing these games," says Scarpone.

While today's game graphics tend to scream for attention, "People respond to the innocence of the artwork they remember in a vintage game," he notes.

At Vintagegame-world.com, there's a comprehensive array of



mid-century games, and browsing can be a visit back in time.

There are old faves like Aggravation, Monopoly, Hi-Q and Careers, but also Easy Money, Acquire and Stock Market ("Anyone can make a million!").

Before there were Gears of War or Battlefield, you could play Tobruk, a war strategy game based in Second World War North Africa, or Arab-Israeli Wars, where you re-enact

tank battles, or the classic Risk. The site's also got games that exploited TV culture of the '60s and '70s: Man From U.N.C.L.E., Happy Days, I Spy, Six Million Dollar Man.

If you're lucky enough to still own an old favourite but misplaced some parts, they have a substantial inventory.

And if your instructions are long lost, you may find them here too.

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► Nicki Minaj at the Victoria's Secret show in New York.

## Nicki Minaj: real living doll

In case you didn't want your young daughter growing up to idolize a blonde, unhealthily proportioned woman who owns convertibles, Jeeps and veterinary clinics, she can now grow up to instead idolize skimpily dressed, alcohol-loving celebrities with multicolored hair, who also own everything.

As TMZ reports, long-time Barbie creator Mattel

is planning to launch dolls for Nicki Minaj and Katy Perry. The dolls are said to include striking similarities to the real pop princesses like the tattoo on Nicki Minaj's left arm.

What little girl wouldn't love that?

Minaj has garnered a following of fans who refer to themselves as "Barbies" in honour of the singer's fondness for

crazy blonde wigs and the colour pink. Both Minaj and Perry are known for breaking the mold when it comes to fashion. Usually they're both spotted wearing outfits Barbie wouldn't be caught dead in.

Nicki Minaj's Barbie, at least, is reportedly set to be auctioned off for the charity Project Angel Food, with bids starting at \$1,000. Katy Perry's Bar-

bie did not comment on whether she will be auctioned off for charity, too — she was hungover after waking up in Vegas.

We're looking forward to seeing the outfits these Barbie's will rock.

We're rooting for our favourite looks: A lime green sports bra just low enough for a nip-slip for Minaj and a cherry-topped cupcake bra for Perry.

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# 'We've got a lot of chubby kids now'

## ► Bill Cosby remembers ballfields from his youth, wonders where the kids have gone

Bill Cosby played football at Temple, ran track for the Owls and still attends their basketball games.

But baseball? Not so much while growing up at

the Richard Allen projects in Philadelphia.

"No, no, no. I wasn't any good," the comedian told The Associated Press recently. "But I was fast. I

think I held the record for the highest batting average — maybe .300 or something — for someone who never hit the ball out of the infield."

There was the time he stole, too. A high school classmate's glove, that is.

"I got caught," he said. "I learned I wasn't a very good lookout for myself

and better find something else to do."

Those stories aren't in his book that came out last month, *I Didn't Ask to Be Born (But I'm Glad I Was)*.

There is a delightful tale, though, of the day his pal Peanut Armhouse got called home by his mom while playing softball and dared to ignore her. While the other boys stood petrified by her shouts, ol' Peanut picked up the ball, hit a weak grounder and did his own play-by-play while rounding the bases.

"As Byron Saam would," Cosby writes, referencing the famed Phillies announcer for four decades.

Back in the 1940s, schoolyards and sandlots in his neighbourhood were full of kids playing baseball and softball. Or step-ball, with players tossing a bouncy ball off the angled steps of Philly's row houses. Or even hose-ball, a game he recalled that used a cutup, four-inch piece of garden hose as the ball.

At 74, Cosby doesn't see crowded inner-city fields anymore.

"Look at how desperate we were to play. We'd be out there trying to catch a rock, in the dark," he said. "But schools cut out gym classes. Schools cut off recess. We've got a lot of chubby kids now."

Some of those kids, he observed, prefer to play baseball on a computer screen rather than with real bats and balls.

"What they're building are remedial gyms," Cosby said.

### A Cosby story

► Bill Cosby's grandfather was a devout Phillies fan who kept two radios cranked up at home so he could listen to games from every room.

► When Cosby began to succeed in show business, he bought him a special present: season tickets on the third base side at Connie Mack Stadium.

said. Cosby is concerned many would-be ballplayers are being priced out.

"Those gloves don't cost 12 cents," he said. "What do they cost now, \$400? And it costs \$600 or something to join some of these leagues."

"And remember, there are places now where you can't just go running around, the bullets are flying," he said.

Quite a difference from when he'd show up to play in the Police Athletic League. There, at the 69th PAL, bats and gloves and uniforms were provided. Everything except the shoes.

"Mine were cardboard and leather," Cosby said.

No matter, he was a pretty slick-fielding second baseman in those days. That's his story, anyway.

"I could turn the double play. I'd come across, put my foot against the back left corner of the bag and sidearm that throw," Cosby said. "That I could do."

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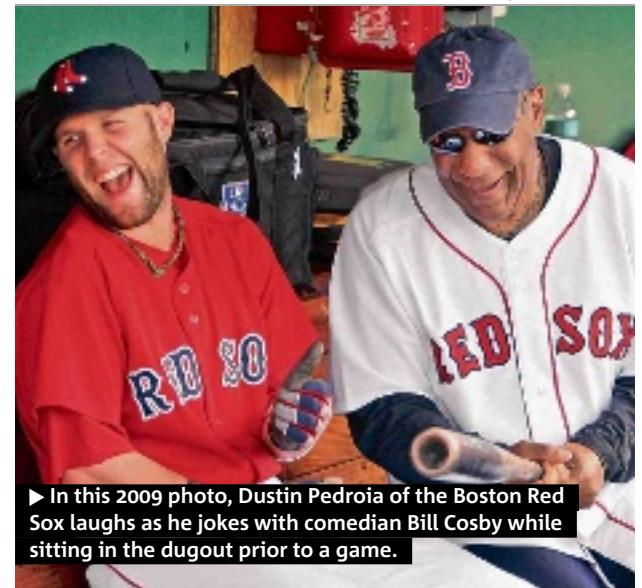
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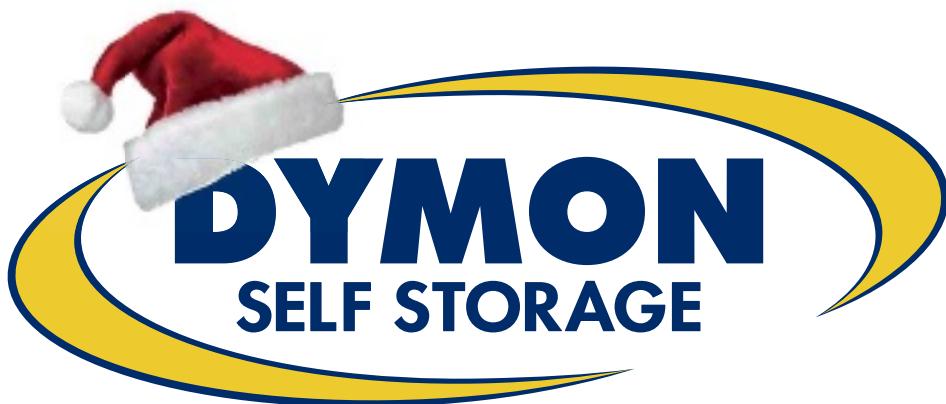
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► In this 2009 photo, Dustin Pedroia of the Boston Red Sox laughs as he jokes with comedian Bill Cosby while sitting in the dugout prior to a game.

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# Lohan's shoot leaks

## ► Lindsay Lohan to appear on Ellen to officially unveil her Playboy cover

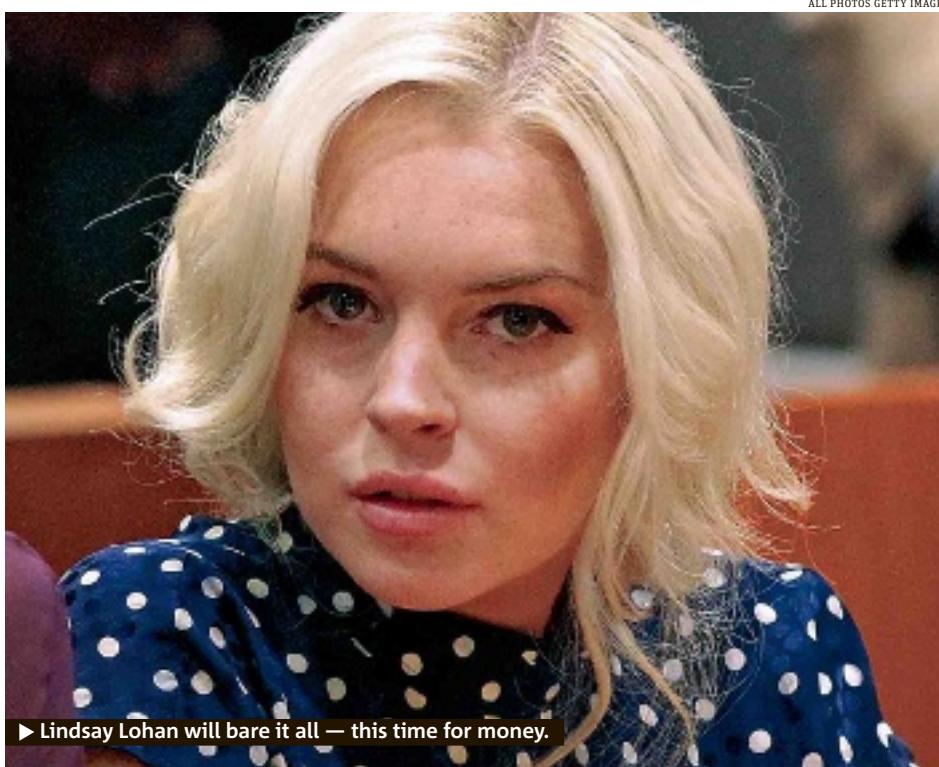
The cover of Lindsay Lohan's issue of Playboy has leaked a week ahead of its unveiling, according to Hollyscoop.

The vintage-themed cover features a naked Lohan straddling a red chair in the shape of the Playboy bunny logo that strategically blocks certain parts of her body.

"The pictorial is absolutely fantastic and very tasteful, and will be accompanied by an interview that will let readers see another side of Lindsay," her rep has said of the magazine's content.

Lohan is still set to appear on Ellen DeGeneres' show next week to officially unveil the issue and give her first interview since violating her parole.

She is rumoured to have received \$1 million for the shoot. METRO



► Lindsay Lohan will bare it all — this time for money.

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### Talking points

#### Nothing Wilde to see here

**RELATIONSHIPS.** While Olivia Wilde has maintained that her love life is pretty quiet despite reports to the contrary, sources now say she's been dating Saturday Night Live star Jason Sudeikis — and apparently has been for a while, according to Us Weekly.

"She's come to the studio at Rockefeller Center, and they've gone out to dinner after rehearsals," a source says, adding that "they walked in holding hands" at the show's most recent after-party.

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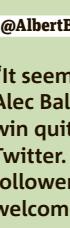
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"When I got my house the cable guy said 'oh man, you bought the crazy house. This house makes people go crazy. All the cable guys know that'"  
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"sometimes i have good ideas, like going to see the Black Keys. and then sometimes i decide to eat dinner while watching Contagion. doh."  
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# Is Lauer out at Today? Could Seacrest replace him?

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Rumor has it that NBC Universal is courting Ryan Seacrest to replace Matt Lauer on the Today show next year.

Although Lauer hasn't announced his retirement, he has hinted at it

quite seriously, and NBC wants someone big to replace him. And it's starting to look like that someone is our generation's version of Dick Clark.

The Wall Street Journal

announced the news of the courting on Thursday but so far NBC is keeping mum on the speculation. Here's the thing: Seacrest is an amazing entertainer and host and deserves all the success that comes

with his self-made media empire. But does the guy have the chops to report on something as heavy as, say, terrorist attacks?

He's too tan. Too involved in the Kardashians. Too smiley.

But maybe that's me just being a Hollywood-ist. And maybe what the show needs is Seacrest interviewing a head of state and then ending it with his trademark, "Seacrest, out!"



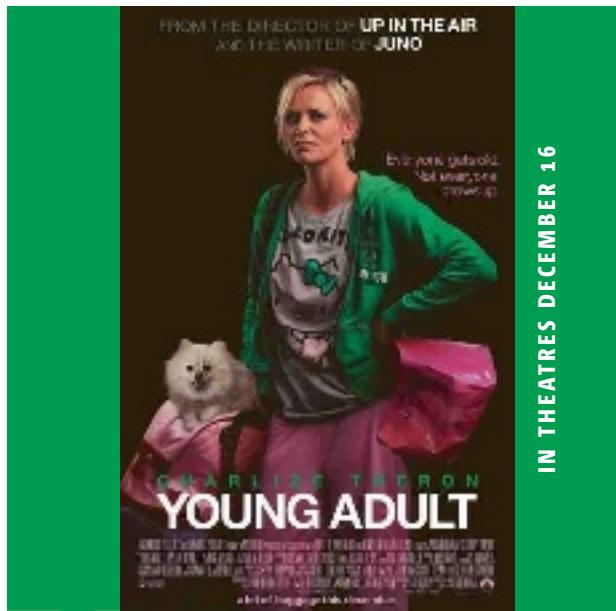
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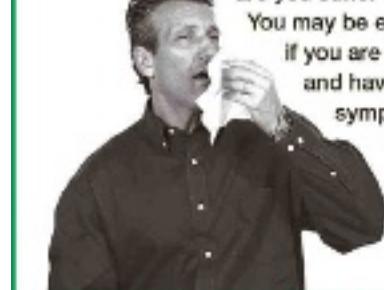
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I saw Prince in concert last week and while I'm not sure if it was his out-of-control funkfest (hello, the guy is 53!) or having drinks after the show with a female friend who looks even better than she did in college, I can testify that some things do get better with age.

Wines can be a lot like that, but not always. Most mid-priced vino is drank within 48 hours of leaving the shelf so many wine-makers design their juice to accommodate immediate drinking.

That doesn't mean your local liquor store won't have bottles you can squirrel away. Reds are best bets. Those from France's Burgundy and Bordeaux regions, bigger-bones Spaniards, Italians from Tuscany, and California cult wines make good candidates for the cellar.

Italy's 2007 Ruffino Riserva Ducale Chianti Classico (\$22.95 - \$34.99) comes from a spectacular year and though it will taste

great with pasta today, with its dense core of dark cherry fruit, anise and light herbal spice it will age nicely over the next ten years. PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.



# Catch of the week

While you have more free time on weekends, the kitchen may be the last place you want to spend it. This simple fish dish is the perfect quick meal

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For this dish, using salt in the skillet instead of oil helps to create heat.

It also allows you to cook with no added oil in the pan.

The salt is essentially a hot bed in which to cook the salmon, and help the fish skin cook directly onto the salt for easy removal.

### Skillet Salt Roasted Fish with Coriander Drizzle Preparation:

**1** In a skillet, spread kosher salt in a single layer and place it over medium-high heat for about 10 minutes or until the salt is hot to the touch.

**2** Place the salmon fillets on top and brush tops with some of the oil. Sprinkle with pepper.



► This recipe serves two.

Cover the skillet and cook for about 15 min-

utes or until firm to the touch. Remove the fish from heat and keep it covered for 3 minutes.

smooth and add vinegar. Pour the mix over the salmon and sprinkle it with smoked salt to serve.

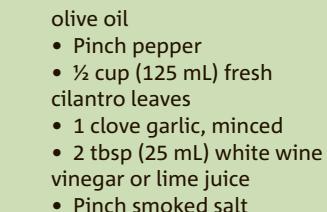
**3** Remove the fish from the salt with spatula, leaving skin on salt.

**4** In a blender, purée cilantro, garlic and remaining oil until it is

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### Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) Kosher salt
- 2 salmon fillets, skin on (about 12 oz/375 g total)
- ¼ cup (50 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- Pinch pepper
- ½ cup (125 mL) fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) white wine vinegar or lime juice
- Pinch smoked salt



### Nordic super diet



Sweden is considered one of the world's healthiest nations. The Swedish diet consists of lots of heart-healthy fish, such as salmon and herring and high-fibre, dark and dense breads. Also popular is dairy, which has high amounts of calcium, helping with fat metabolism, says celeb fitness trainer Harley Pasternak. METRO



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# Devils rally to beat Sens

► After falling behind 3-0, New Jersey battles back to win in shootout ► Brodeur benched

**5**  


**4**  


DEVILS

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► Zach Parise of the New Jersey Devils scores a shootout goal against Alex Auld on Thursday.

Rookie Adam Henrique scored on a backhander in the fourth round of the shootout to give the New Jersey Devils a 5-4 victory over the Ottawa Senators on Thursday night.

Zach Parise and Patrik Elias also scored in the shootout for the Devils, who trailed 3-0 with about five minutes left in the second period before scoring four unanswered goals.

Ottawa's Jesse Winchester scored a short-handed goal to tie it with just 5 seconds remaining in regulation. The goal came after the Senators pulled goalie Alex Auld with 21 seconds to go.

Jason Spezza and Daniel Alfredsson scored in the shootout for the Senators, but Devils goalie Johan Hedberg, who replaced Martin Brodeur to start the second period, stopped David Rundblad to earn the win.

Trailing 3-1 entering the third, the Devils cut it to 3-2 on a short-handed tally from Dainius Zubrus, then Matias Tedenby and Ilya Kovalchuk each scored in a

span of 37 seconds to give New Jersey a 4-3 lead.

Tedenby scored his first goal of the season after the puck deflected off his chest on a shot by David Clarkson, tying it 3-3. Kovalchuk followed with his eighth goal of the season off a fine setup from Henrique, his second assist of the game.

Zach Parise also had a short-handed goal for the Devils, his eighth overall this season.

Milan Michalek scored

his 18th goal of the season in the first period, breaking the tie for the league lead he shared with Toronto's Phil Kessel and Jonathan Toews of Chicago.

Nick Foligno also scored in the first period for Ottawa and Daniel Alfredsson scored with the advantage in the second — the first power-play goal the Devils have allowed at home all season.

The Senators took the early lead when Michalek was the beneficiary of an

ill-advised clearing attempt by Brodeur. Brodeur took the puck behind the net to clear it but the attempt was intercepted by Spezza, who hit Michalek on the left side for a goal at the 6:31 mark.

The Devils killed off a four-minute power play in the first period, when Petr Sykora was sent off with a high sticking double-minor. During that stretch, Brodeur made three saves and the Devils feverishly cleared out

three other attempts.

The Senators pushed the lead to 2-0 in the closing minutes of the first period, when Jared Cowen's slap shot was initially stopped by Brodeur, but Foligno secured the rebound and lifted a backhand in at 17:45 for the two-goal lead.

Devils coach Peter DeBoer then lifted Brodeur, who stopped seven of nine shots, in favour of Hedberg to start the second.

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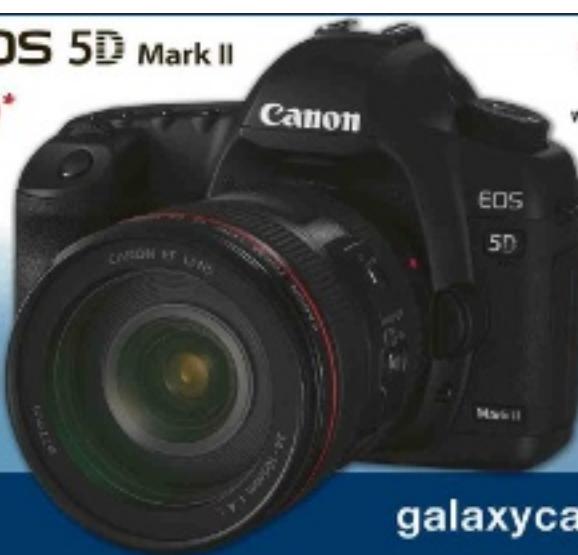
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# Angels make Albert's wallet a whole lot fatter

► Exactly six weeks after winning his second World Series in St. Louis, superstar first baseman agrees to historic \$254-million, 10-year deal to play in southern California

Albert Pujols could have been a wealthy Cardinal for life, planning for the day his statue would be erected outside Busch Stadium next to those of Stan Musial, Bob Gibson and the other St. Louis greats.

Instead, after leading the Cardinals to a second title in a thrilling World Series, he chose to accept the second-highest deal in baseball history for a future with the Los Angeles Angels.

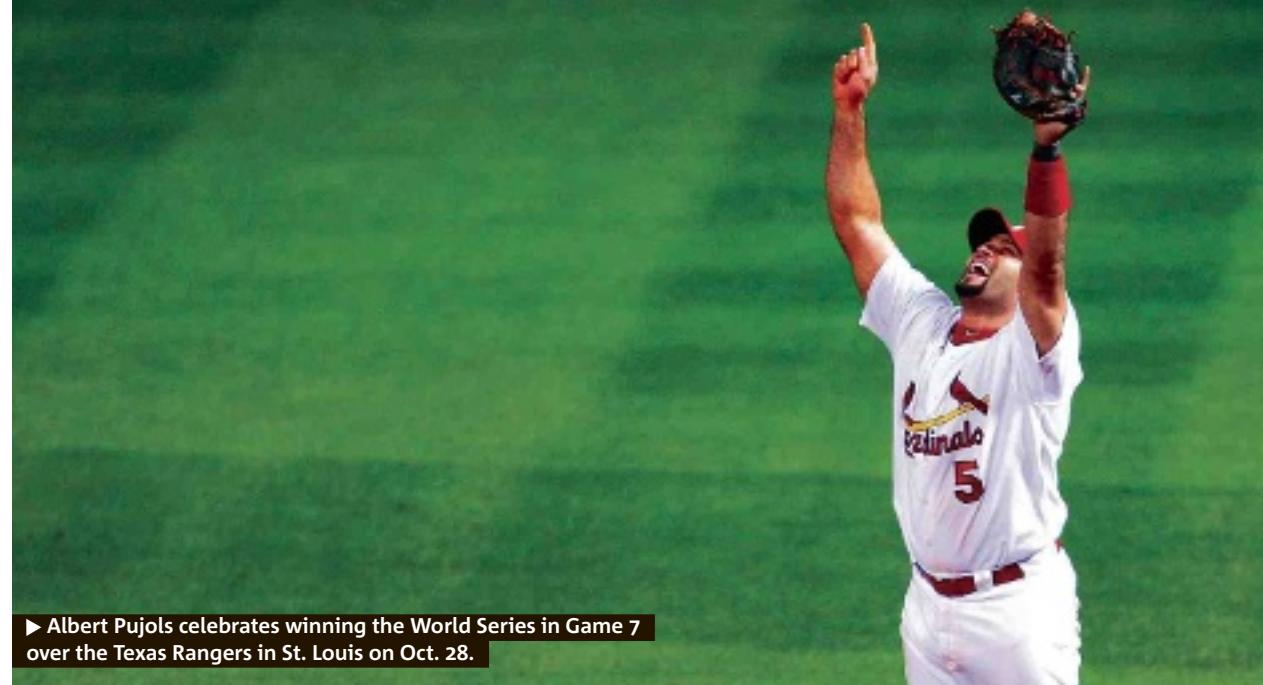
The three-time NL MVP agreed Thursday to a \$254-million US, 10-year contract with the Angels, jilting the fan base of one of the sport's traditional teams for a club with only one championship in its half-century.

Many top stars have changed teams mid-career, but this is perhaps the best player in the game over the past decade exiting shortly after one of the great post-season power shows.

Pujols' honours include the 2001 NL Rookie of the Year award, MVPs in 2005, 2008 and 2009, a batting title in 2003 and two Gold Gloves.

Now, he's going West.

As his deal fell into place at the winter meetings in Dallas, the Angels struck another



► Albert Pujols celebrates winning the World Series in Game 7 over the Texas Rangers in St. Louis on Oct. 28.

big agreement, a \$77.5 million, five-year contract with left-hander C.J. Wilson, whose Texas Rangers lost to the Cardinals in the World Series.

"This is obviously the moment where we have thrown our hat in the ring," Angels manager Jerry Dipoto said.

Pujols could've been the rare modern star who stays with a team from first at-bat to final

**"This is a monumental day for Angel fans, and I could not be more excited."**

ANGELS OWNER ARTE MORENO,  
WHO BOUGHT THE TEAM FOR  
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swing. Now some will call him a sellout.

Pujols rejected a multi-year extension last off-season that was said to include a small per-

## 402

The Cardinals selected Albert Pujols in the 13th round of the 1999 amateur draft with the 402nd overall pick.

centage of the Cardinals franchise. St. Louis also offered a 10-year deal that chairman Bill DeWitt Jr. said was in excess of \$200 million.

"I would like our

fans to know that we tried our best to make Albert a lifetime Cardinal," he said in a statement, adding later in a telephone interview: "They were substantially higher than our bid."

Pujols' contract is only the third to break the \$200 million barrier, following Alex Rodriguez's \$252 million, 10-year deal with Texas before the 2001 season and A-Rod's \$275 million, 10-year agreement with the Yankees in 2008.

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► Japan's Yu Darvish delivers at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

## Yes Yu did: Darvish on way to MLB

Japanese pitcher Yu Darvish ended months of speculation Thursday by saying he intends to make a move to Major League Baseball.

The 25-year-old right-hander, considered the best pitcher in the Japanese professional leagues, wrote on his blog that he had decided to use the posting system, which allows MLB teams to bid for the negotiating rights to Japanese players who have yet to become free agents. Daisuke Matsuzaka and Ichiro Suzuki went to the major leagues under the system.

"I have decided to use the posting system," he said. "I wanted to tell my fans directly, so that is why I am posting this on my blog."

Darvish, the son of an Iranian father and a Japanese mother, went 18-6 with a 1.44 ERA this season for the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters. His 276 strikeouts led the Pacific League.

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d-Pittsburgh	28	16	8	2	2	86	69	36	8-2-0	8-6-0-2	5-4-1-0	L1
d-Florida	28	16	8	1	3	80	69	36	6-2-1-3	10-6-0-0	7-2-1-0	W3
d-Boston	27	17	9	0	1	89	56	35	10-6-0-1	7-3-0-0	7-2-0-1	L2
Philadelphia	26	16	7	2	1	93	77	35	6-4-1-1	10-3-1-0	7-3-0-0	W3
NY Rangers	24	15	6	1	2	71	55	33	7-2-0-1	8-4-1-1	7-3-0-0	L1
Toronto	28	15	10	2	1	89	90	33	6-4-2-1	9-6-0-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Buffalo	27	14	11	1	1	76	74	30	6-8-1-1	8-3-0-0	3-5-1-1	L1
Washington	27	14	12	0	1	84	87	29	9-4-0-1	5-8-0-0	4-6-0-0	W1
Ottawa	28	13	12	2	1	86	96	29	7-5-0-1	6-7-2-0	5-3-2-0	L1
Winnipeg	27	12	11	3	1	77	83	28	8-4-0	4-7-3-1	7-2-1-0	W3
Montreal	28	11	11	2	4	69	72	28	4-5-2-3	7-6-0-1	2-4-2-2	L1
New Jersey	26	13	12	0	1	65	74	27	5-4-0-1	8-8-0-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Tampa Bay	27	11	14	0	2	70	89	24	7-4-0-0	4-10-0-2	3-7-0-0	L5
NY Islanders	25	9	11	3	2	57	79	23	6-6-2-0	3-5-1-2	5-3-1-1	W2
Carolina	30	9	17	2	2	77	104	22	5-9-0-2	4-8-2-0	3-7-0-0	W1

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d-Chicago	28	16	8	1	3	93	88	36	8-2-0-3	8-6-1-0	5-4-0-1	L1
d-Phoenix	27	15	9	1	2	74	67	33	6-5-1-1	9-4-0-1	6-4-0-0	W2
Detroit	26	16	9	1	0	77	59	33	10-2-1-0	6-7-0-0	7-3-0-0	L2
Vancouver	27	16	10	0	1	89	67	33	8-4-0-1	8-6-0-0	8-2-0-0	W2
St. Louis	27	15	9	0	3	66	60	33	9-3-0-1	6-6-0-2	6-2-0-2	W1
Dallas	26	15	10	0	1	69	72	31	9-4-0-1	6-6-0-0	4-5-0-1	L1
Los Angeles	27	13	10	2	2	62	61	30	8-7-0-1	5-3-2-1	5-4-1-0	L2
San Jose	24	14	9	1	0	68	58	29	7-6-0-1	7-3-0-0	5-5-0-0	L2
Edmonton	28	13	12	0	3	79	76	29	8-5-0-2	5-7-0-1	4-5-0-1	L2
Nashville	27	12	11	3	1	70	74	28	4-5-2-1	8-6-1-0	3-6-1-0	L2
Colorado	28	13	14	1	0	75	84	27	7-9-0-0	6-5-1-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Calgary	27	12	13	1	1	67	78	26	6-5-1-1	6-8-0-0	5-4-0-1	W1
Anaheim	27	8	14	2	3	63	88	21	6-9-1-0	2-5-1-3	2-6-1-1	W1
Columbus	27	8	16	0	3	65	90	19	5-7-0-1	3-9-0-2	5-5-0-0	W1

d—division leaders 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

**Last night's results**

Florida 2 Boston 0  
Ottawa at New Jersey

Chicago at N.Y. Islanders

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia

Nashville at Columbus

Vancouver at Montreal

Phoenix at Detroit

Anaheim at St. Louis

Colorado at Calgary

Minnesota at Los Angeles

Dallas at San Jose

**Wednesday's results**

Carolina 5 Edmonton 3

Washington 5 Ottawa 3

Philadelphia 5 Buffalo 4 (OT)

**Tonight's games**

All times Eastern

Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.

Florida at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

Carolina at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.

Colorado at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

**Tomorrow's games**

Montreal at New Jersey, 3 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

Vancouver at Ottawa, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Winnipeg at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Boston at Columbus, 7 p.m.

San Jose at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.

Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

**Sunday's games**

Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

San Jose at Chicago, 7 p.m.

**LATE WEDNESDAY****HURRICANES 5, OILERS 3****First Period**

1. Edmonton, Belanger 1 (Paajarvi, Sutton) 10:33

2. Carolina, Skinner 12, 19:23 (pp)

**Penalty** — Hemsky Edm (hooking) 18:36.

**Second Period**

3. Carolina, McBain 3 (Kaberle, Faulk) 4:36 (pp)

4. Carolina, Dwyer 4 (Staal, Kaberle) 11:47

5. Carolina, LaRose 8 (Allen) 15:41 (sh)

6. Edmonton, Eager 1 (Pettrell, Lander) 15:50

**Penalties** — Pettrell Edm (hooking) 2:59; Sutton Edm (boarding) 4:36; Staal Car (unsportsmanlike conduct) 8:41; Peckham Edm (misconduct) 11:47; Ponikarovsky Car (tripping) 13:49.

**Third Period**

7. Carolina, Ruutu 9 (Jokinen, Gleason) 3:43

8. Edmonton, Nugent-Hopkins 13 (Gagner, Eberle) 13:21

Missed penalty shot — Skinner Car, 7:19 third.

**Penalties** — Stewart Car, Smid Edm (roughing) 4:55; Allen Car (roughing) 7:30; Sutton Edm (boarding), Eager Edm (charging) 10:27; Gilbert Edm (slashing) 13:48; Gleason Car (instigating, fighting, game misconduct), Sutton Edm (fighting) 17:51.

**Shots on goal**

Carolina 10 9 14 —33

Edmonton 7 10 8 —25

**Goal** — Carolina: Ward (W,9-12-3); Edmonton: Dubnyk (L,4-6-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Carolina: 2-6; Edmonton: 0-4.

**Referees** — Chris Lee, Brian Pochmar. **Linesmen** — Michel Cormier, Brian Mach.

**Attendance** — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton.

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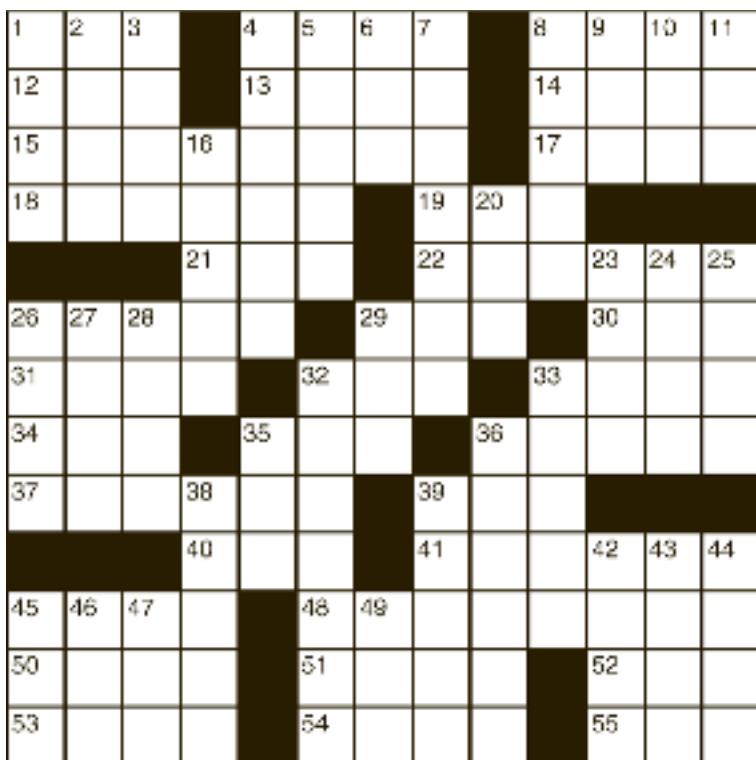
## Crossword

**Across**

1 Pickle holder  
4 React in horror  
8 Anything but that  
12 Past  
13 Concept  
14 Stroll  
15 Medium-sized dog  
17 Without acting  
18 To-do list  
19 Every last crumb  
21 Stimpy's cartoon pal  
22 Lassie, e.g.  
26 Pavarotti's range  
29 A mere handful  
30 Toss in  
31 Nerve cell process  
32 Carte lead-in  
33 Turned blue?  
34 Gas stat  
35 Wall climber  
36 Deep-voiced singer  
37 "French" dog  
39 Shriner's chapeau  
40 "— the fields we go..."  
41 Anti-elderly prejudice  
45 Satchmo's genre  
48 Large terrier  
50 Burn soother  
51 Pesky insect  
52 Silent  
53 Night light?  
54 Tackles' teammates  
55 Crony

**Down**

1 — Pinkett Smith  
2 Quite enthusiastic  
3 Judicial garb  
4 Construction piece



5 Madison Avenue	27 World's fair	46 Milwaukee product
worker	28 "Forget it"	47 Menagerie
6 Vast expanse	29 Aviate	49 Hostel
7 Cure-all	32 Mean	
8 Dungaree, for one	33 In a stupor	
9 Owned	35 — -de-France	
10 Under the weather	36 Sires	
11 Heavens	38 Doughnut shop	
16 Company that went under in 2001	purchase	
20 Depressed	39 Capacitance measure	
23 Pringles competitor	42 Poetic foot	
42 Insult	43 Note to self	
24 Bad day for Caesar	44 Note to self	
25 Taro root	45 Van Eyck or Vermeer	
26 Pack (down)		

## ► Yesterday's answer



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## Today's horoscope

**Aries** March 21-April 20 Travel will be a lot of fun today but if you overdo it, tomorrow's lunar eclipse will bring you back to earth!

**Taurus** April 21-May 21 Inner changes are making you rather touchy at the moment but, as always, the moment will pass.

**Gemini** May 22-June 21

You're in an assertive and adventurous mood, but some people may see you as too domineering.

**Cancer** June 22-July 22 The approaching eclipse has got you in a bit of a tizzy. You may have to lie down for a bit to get your balance!

**Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 You will be enthusiastic about something you discover today but don't get carried away and preach to people.

**Virgo** Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may lose patience with someone you work with today, but they are not being obstructive for fun.

**Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You're in one of those moods when you'll do anything for anyone. If not careful, you'll be taken advantage of.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 A financial opportunity will intrigue you, but is it the kind of thing you want to get involved in long-term?

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec.

21 You may fall heavily for someone today, but don't get carried away because this is a passing fancy.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Certain duties may be tiresome but if you tackle them now, then your time will be your own.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18

The approaching eclipse will bring more tension into your life but you have what it takes to handle it.

**Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20.

Family squabbles of one kind or another are likely over the next two or three days. ■ SALLY BROMPTON

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## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Yesterday's answer ►



## Today



## Saturday



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My darling, Prince Charming, I am happier and stronger now that I know for sure that I'm in your thoughts and dreams and that you really love me as I am in spite of the big gap between us! Next Wednesday you have to add one more candle! I bless the day I met you, you are the one that I am waiting for my whole life! love you, CL.



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